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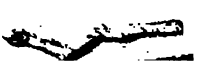

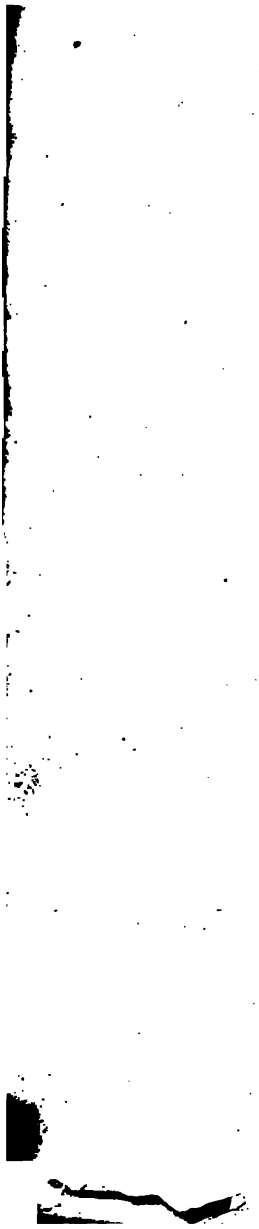

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PREFACE.

ALL Scripture is given by *inſpiration of God*, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for inſtruction in righteouſneſs; that the Man of God may be perfect,—throughly furniſhed unto all good works[a]. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God ſpake as they were *moved* by the Holy Ghoſt[b]. Hence the Holy Scriptures are able to make men wiſe unto ſalvation, and ought to be conſidered as the beſt *outward* rule that we can have to guide us in all the affairs of life.

Yet it is certain that the *letter* of Scripture is not ſufficient of itſelf to guide us to heaven, without the help of the Holy Spirit; for if any man have not the Spirit of Chriſt, he is none of his; and it is the Spirit that helpeth our infirmties,—teacheth us to pray as we ought, and that maketh interceſſion for us with groanings, which cannot be uttered[c]. For this reaſon, I have taken the Scriptures for my outward rule, and the Holy Spirit for my inward guide; and, in the following work, have cloſely adhered thereunto.

My ſtudies have not been directed by conſidering what were my former thoughts about religion, nor by a deſire of imitating others in any particular opinion or mode of worſhip; neither by a deſire of affecting a ſingularity of my own*;

(a) 2 Tim. iii. 16, 17. (b) 2 Pet. i. 21. (c) Rom. viii. 9, 26.

* See THE EVIL CONSEQUENCES OF PARTY SPIRIT.—*Armenian Magazine for October* 1793, page 553, &c.

but I have been led to write of Divine things, according as I have experienced them, amidſt the various changes that have happened to me in life, and as ſacred impreſſions have occaſioned Devout Breathings to ariſe in my Soul after God.

For what relates to doctrine, exhortation, or the encouragement of others, &c. I have carefully and impartially examined whatever fell in my way, either from men or books, with a mind wholly in ſearch after TRUTH; and as ſuch I have advanced nothing but what I ſincerely believe is built on this everlaſting foundation. For which reaſon, I readily offer my beſt thoughts to the world, hoping my labour will not be in vain in the Lord.

Concerning poetry we find there is but little mention made of it in the Scriptures; yet it appears to be quite agreeable to the Goſpel, or the Apoſtle *Paul* would not have quoted the *Athenian Poets*[d] in ſupport of its doctrines; neither would our LORD have ſung an *Hymn* with his Diſciples[e], had not ſuch a compoſition been conſiſtent with the true Spirit of Devotion. Herein then we have an infallible precedent, without having to refer back to ſuch accounts as are, at beſt, only handed down by tradition.

Much might be ſaid alſo in favour of ſinging, but I have already treated a little on this ſubject in the Preface of a volume of Hymns, which I publiſhed at Whitby, in the year 1781, and ſhall take ſome notice of it again at the latter end of this book†: I will, therefore, now only ſpeak of its uſe. We find the Epheſians are exhorted to ſpeak to *themſelves* in Pſalms and Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, &c[f]. and the Coloſſians are bid to admoniſh *one another*[g] in the ſame manner: from which it evidently appears, that ſinging is recommended as a very profitable means both for *pri-*

(d) Acts xvii. 28. (e) Matt. xxvi. 30.—Mar. xiv. 26.
(f) Eph. v. 19. (g) Col. iii. 16.

† See the Concluſion, page 255.

vate and *public* worſhip; and this is happily experienced by all thoſe who *ſing with grace in their hearts to the Lord*, whether alone or in the aſſemblies of the righteous.

Therefore, that this book might be rendered uſeful for both purpoſes, I have divided it into two parts, and arranged each part in ſuch order as I truſt will meet the approbation of ſerious perſons of every denomination.

With reſpect to the ſtyle of this work, let the reader take notice, that I make no pretences to much erudition; and I have much better work for the few precious moments that can be ſpared from the temporal concerns which are neceſſary for the ſupport of a large family, than to waſte them in hammering a work upon the anvil, to make it proof againſt cenſorious Critics. I rather judge it is more my duty to do that which may promote the glory of God in my own ſalvation, and the ſalvation of others. To this end I have every where, as much as poſſible, cloſely confined myſelf to the language held forth in the Scriptures, and all along have pointed to ſuch paſſages as will in ſome degree illuſtrate the ſubject, and render its uſe more extenſive.

As to the work in general, no part of it is borrowed or picked up from other authors, except ſome of the remarks which are made as marginal references: of theſe I have ſelected a few, but the name of each author is given, or where this was not known, the place is mentioned where the quotation is taken from. For all the reſt I am anſwerable, and muſt ſhortly give an account to the Searcher of Hearts, *who will bring every work into judgment*[h], and reward every man according to his works[i].

JOSHUA PEEL.

GILLING, *4th of the 11th month*, 1793.

(h) *Eccl. xii. 14.* (i) Matt. xvi. 27.

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PART FIRST.

I.

On the Creation, Fall, and Reſtoration.

1 ADAM was in God's image[a] made, . ☞ 8
By his creating word[b]; . . . 6
Was alſo at the firſt obey'd, . . . 8
And own'd the ſov'reign Lord! . . 6
God made[c], and likewiſe gave him EVE, . 8
But Satan[d] did them both deceive. . . 8

2 Alarming fate! alas they fell[e],
And were condemned to die[f]:
Sin fully[g] fitted them for hell,
And their whole progeny;
But from this wretched, hopeleſs ſtate,
The promis'd ſeed[h] did them tranſlate[i]!

(a) Gen. i. 27.—Eccl. vii. 29. (b) John i. 1, 3. (c) Gen. ii. 22. (d) Gen. iii. 4, 5, 6. (e) Gen. vi. 5, 6, 7.——1 Cor. xv. 22. (f) Gen. ii. 17. (g) Rom. v. 12. (h) Gen. iii. 15.—xxii. 18. —Gal. iv. 4, 5. (i) Col. i. 13.

☞ Theſe figures ſhew what number of ſyllables are in every line,—*and are intended to prevent miſtakes, which ſometimes happen in ſetting poetry to muſic.*

3 From whence[j] then comes this war within,
And guilt upon my mind?
It's not for my firſt parents ſin[k]
That I theſe troubles find:
The ſecond[l] ADAM ſet them free;
'Tis plain the cauſe† muſt be in me.

4 To thee, O Lord, therefore I come,
The new[m] and living way;
My great[n] High Prieſt will make me room,
And purge[o] my ſins away!
The Chriſt[p] of God, whoſe blood[q] was ſhed,
Is of the Church[r], the fed'ral HEAD.

II.

The penitent Sinner expoſtulating with himſelf, confeſſing his Sins to God, and deſiring the help of his Holy Spirit.

1 HAVE I the grace of God withſtood, . 8
A ſtranger to the precious[s] blood . . 8
Which Chriſt hath ſhed for me? . . 6
And do I ſtill unchang'd remain, . . . 8
Deep dy'd[s] with ſin's accurſed ſtain, . . 8
To God an enemy[t]? 6

2 Convinc'd of my ſad wretched ſtate,
I with myſelf expoſtulate
For my ingratitude:
With ſin I'm now reſolv'd to part,
And have the idols[u] of my heart
Entirely all ſubdued.

(j) Jam. iv. 1. (k) Ezek. xviii. 20. (l) 1 Cor. xv. 45, 47. (m) Heb. x. 20. (n) Heb. iv. 14. (o) Matt. iii. 12.—Heb. i. 3. —ix. 14. (p) Luke ix. 20. (q) John xix. 34. (r) Eph. i. 22.—v. 23, &c.—Col. i. 18. (s) 1 Pet. i. 19. (s) Iſa. i. 18. (t) Jam. iv. 4. (u) 2 Cor. vi. 16.

† Every perſon comes into the world in a ſtate of acceptance with God. This is clearly proved, Rom. v. 18. *Therefore as by the offence of one, judgment came upon* ALL MEN *to condemnation; even ſo by the righteouſneſs of one, the free gift came upon* ALL MEN *unto juſtification of life.* The true cauſe then of all our guilt is actual ſin; as was fully declared to the *Jews* who were actual ſinners, Iſa. lix. 2. *But* YOUR *iniquities have ſeparated between you and your God, and* YOUR *ſins have hid his face from you, tha the will not hear.*

3 My ſoul is fill'd with grief and ſhame,
And for the cauſe, myſelf I blame
In anguiſh and diſtreſs:
With fear[v] and trembling I draw nigh,
O Lord, regard my ceaſeleſs cry,
And all my wants redreſs.

4 To me thy Holy[w] Spirit give,
That thereby I may holy live
My reſidue of days:
Make guilt and condemnation ceaſe,
So ſhall I find love[x], joy, and peace,
And thee for ever praiſe.

III.

Self-abaſement, Confeſſion, and Prayer.

1 MOST righteous[y] art thou, O Lord, . 8
When I plead with thy majeſty; . 8
And ſelf-condemn'd, and ſelf-abhorr'd, . . 8
I do confeſs my ſins to thee. . . . 8

2 Thy law[z] is holy, juſt, and good,
Which I ſo many times have broke:
While Chriſt, my Mediator[a], ſtood
Its dreadful ſentence[b] to revoke.

3 He is my Mediator ſtill[c],
And WAY[d], by which I come to thee:
Lord, for his ſake thy word fulfil,
And pardon what's amiſs in me.

4 Say to my fearful ſoul, ariſe[e]!
Now go thy way, and ſin[f] no more,—
And with true wiſdom make me wiſe
To ſhun the things I did before.

(v) Phil. ii. 12. (w) Luke xi. 13. (x) Gal. v. 22. (y) Pſal. cxix 137.—Jer. xii. 1. (z) Rom. vii. 12. (a) 1 Tim. ii. 5.—Heb. ix. 15.—xii. 24. (b) Gal. iii. 10. (c) Heb. xiii. 8. (d) John xiv. 6. (e) Mark v. 41.—Luke vii, 14. (f) John v. 14.—viii. 11.

5 With all thy children let me prove,
How great! how wise! how good thou art!
By feeling Christ's redeeming[g] love,
To cleanse, and purify my heart.

IV.

Justice and Mercy Magnified.

1 O GOD[h] most high! God[i] only wise! . 8
By thee alone all[j] worlds were made: . 8
How shall I meet thy purer[k] eyes, . . 8
Who thy commands have disobey'd? . . . 8

2 'Tis just[l], wert thou to seal my doom,
And this day cast me into hell;
But let thy mercy make me room,
That thereof I may gladly tell.

3 For all mankind Christ freely bled[m],
And dy'd upon the cursed tree;
Then rose[n] triumphant from the dead
To set poor captive[o] sinners free.

4 Behold a leper[p] at thy feet,
By sin diseas'd, and grief oppress'd;
Again thy miracles repeat,
And give me health and endless rest.

V.

A Sense of Condemnation, with Prayer for Pardon and Assurance.

1 O Thou Judge[q] of quick and dead! . . 7
Thy severest wrath I dread: . . . 7
Save me, for condemn'd[r] I lie . . . 7
By thy righteous law to die. . . . 7

(g) Gal. iii. 13. (h) Psal. lvii. 2. (i) Rom. xvi. 27. (j) John i. 3. (k) Hab. i. 13. (l) Rom. iii. 23.—Gal. iii. 10. (m) Luke xxii. 44.—John xix. 34. (n) Matt. xxviii. 6, 7. (o) Eph. iv. 8. (p) *Matt. viii. 2.—Mark i. 40.* (q) Act. x. 42.—2 Tim. iv. 1.—*Pet. iv. 5.* (r) *Gal. iii. 10.*

2 From thy mercy-ſeat[r] above,
Now ſtretch out thine arm[s] of love,
While I ſtand on ruin's brink,
Ready in deſpair to ſink.

3 Never can I think of reſt,
Till with pardon I am bleſt:
In this low eſtate, O give
Faith in Chriſt to turn and live.

4 Shew thy reconciled[t] face
By a full diſplay of grace:
Shine, O Holy[u] Spirit, ſhine,
Aſcertain that I am thine.

5 Baniſh all my ſlaviſh fears,
Eaſe my grief, dry up my tears;
And in ev'ry trying hour
Magnify thy ſaving pow'r.

6 Day and night my ſtrength increaſe,—
Ratify[v] my joy and peace:
Grant this portion, Lord, to me
For my hope is all in thee.

VI.

Repentance for Sin, and Prayer for Redemption.

1 IN trouble, Lord, I pray to thee, . . 8
Attend my earneſt cry; 6
Let me thy great ſalvation[w] ſee . . . 8
Before I faint and die. 6

2 For ev'ry thought of mine is ſin,
My word and work the ſame:
My doubts and fears are great within,
So is my guilt and ſhame.

(r) Exod. xv. 22.—Lev. xxvi. 2.—Num. vii. 89. (s) Deut. xxxiii. 27.—Iſa. xl. 11. (t) Col. i. 20, 21. (u) Rom. viii. 11, 14, 15, 16. (v) 2 Cor. i. 20, 21, 22.—Eph. i. 13. (w) Luke i. 77.—iii. 6.

3 I'm weary of this ſinful ſtrife,
That heaves my troubled breaſt:
Why ſhould I live this wretched life,
And never be at reſt[x]?

4 How long averſe to all that's good
Shall my wild paſſions rove?
Will not the virtue of Chriſt's[y] blood
Theſe maladies remove?

5 His Prieſthood[z] ever is the ſame,
Unchangeable and free:
In him therefore accept my claim
To Goſpel liberty[a].

6 Make manifeſt the ſaving pow'r
Of his redeeming[b] grace;
And ſave me in this trying hour,
For Lord, I ſeek[c] thy face.

VII.

For the removal of hardneſs of Heart, and all Iniquity.

1 O Thou moſt[d] high and holy[e] One! . . 8
In whom all creatures live[f] and move, 8
Break now, O break this heart of ſtone[g], . 8
And let it be diſſolv'd in love! 8

2 By ſin, that deadly[h] curſed[i] thing,
I'm cruſh'd and heavily oppreſs'd:
O, when wilt thou deliv'rance bring,
And from this burden give me reſt?

3 My former courſe of life I hate,
Which hath in wickedneſs been ſpent;
From this unhappy reſtleſs[j] ſtate,
Lord[k] ſave, for truly I repent.

(x) Iſa. lvii. 20. (y) Heb. ix. 14.—1 John i. 7. (z) Heb. vii. 24. (a) Iſa. lxi. 1.—Luke iv. 18. (b) Gal. iii. 13.—Tit. iii. 5, 6, 7. (c) 2 Chron. vii. 14. (d) Pſal. xcii. 8. (e) Iſa. xliii. 3.—Ezek. xxxix. 7. (f) Acts xvii. 28. (g) Ezek. xxxvi. 26.—Zech. vii. 12. (h) Jam. iii. 8. (i) Gen. iii. 17.—Deut. xxviii. 15, &c. (j) Iſa. lvii. 20. (k) Matt. xiv. 30.

4 Let light[l] ſpring up, and love[m] take place,
'Till ev'ry ſlaviſh fear is gone,
That I, a monument of grace!
May tell the wonders thou haſt done.

VIII.

Confeſſion of Sin, and Faith laying hold of Salvation.

1. LORD[n], bow thy heavens to the ſound . 8
Of a poor ſinner's pray'r; . . . 6
Let grace[o] much more than ſin abound, . 8
And keep me from deſpair. . . . 6

2 For more[p] mine iniquities are
Than hairs upon my head;
But while thou doſt the guilty ſpare,
Thy righteous curſe[q] I dread.

3 My heart's deceitful[r], and impure[s];
Quite ſelfiſh,[t] and perverſe[u]:
Its deadly[v] evils thou muſt cure,
Or I wax[w] worſe and worſe.

4 I own thy wrath[x] to be my due,
And hell[y] my juſt reward[z];
Yet, thou canſt form my heart[a] anew,
Though e'er ſo vile and hard.

5 'Tis plain[b], thy word is very pure,
That thou art juſt[c] and true:
Thy threats and promiſes are ſure,
As they[d] are, thou wilt do.

6 Then Lord, ſince mercy[e] may be found,
Stretch[f] out thine arm and ſave!
For long in Satan's fetters bound
I've toil'd a captive ſlave.

(l) Matt iv. 16 (m) 1 John iv. 18. (n) Pſal. cxliv. 5. (o) Rom. v. 20.—2 Cor. ix. 8. (p) Pſal. xl. 12. (q) Gal. iii. 10. (r) Jer. xvii. 9. (s) Tit. i. 15. (t) Mark vii. 22. (u) Deut xxxii. 5. (v) Jam. iii. 8. (w) 2 Tim. iii. 13. (x) Rom. i. 18.—Eph. v. 6. (y) Pſal. ix. 17. (z) Rev. xxii. 12. (a) Ezek. xxvi. 26. (b) Pſal. cxix. 140. (c) Rev. xv. 3. (d) Matt. xvi. 27. (e) Jer. iii. 12.—*Heb. viii. 12.* (f) Exod. vi. 6.

7 At length through[g] grace, Lord[h], I believe
Thou wilt ſalvation give,
That I free pardon[i] ſhall receive,
And in thy favour live.

8 Like wax[k] prepar'd, O let me feel
Love's melting flame divine;
And ſtamp on me thy Spirit's ſeal,
To aſcertain me thine.

IX.

Godly Sorrow working Repentance to Salvation.

1 LORD, view the wretched[l] ſtate I'm in,
For reſtleſs[m], like the troubled ſea,
The raging[n] waves of guilt, for ſin,
Roll round my head, and frighten me.

2 Weary thereof, I panting[o] lie
Inquiring for the *good*[p] *old way:*
Thou[q] Son of David, hear my cry,
And take this pond'rous load away.

3 Once more, O God[r], incline thine ear,
And for the ſake of Chriſt[s] impart
Thy love[t] to caſt out ſlaviſh fear,
And cheer[u] my mournful drooping heart.

4 For this deſcend, celeſtial Dove[v],
Cleanſe me like a refiner's[w] fire;
Come now, all ſin like droſs[x] remove,
And me with thy pure mind inſpire.

5 Speak from above the mercy-ſeat[y],
That I may thy bright glory view!
Put worldly things beneath my feet,
And ev'ry fleſhly luſt ſubdue.

(g) Acts xv. 11. (h) Mark ix. 24. (i) Iſa. lv. 7. (k) Pſal. xx 14. (l) Rom. viii. 24.—Rev. iii. 17. (m) Iſa. lvii. 20. (n) Jude 1 (o) Pſal. xlii. 1. (p) Jer. vi. 16. (q) Matt. ix. 27. (r) Pſal. xvii. —Iſa. xxxvii. 17.—Dan. ix. 18. (ſ) John xvi. 23. (t) 1 John iv. 1 (t) Matt. ix. 2. (u) Matt. iii. 16.—Rom. viii. 9. (v) Zech. xiii. —Mal. iii. 2, 3. (w) Iſa. i. 25. (x) 1 Cor. ii. 16.—Phil. ii. (y) *Exod. xxv.* 22.—Lev. xvi. 2.—Numb. vii. 89.

6 Though ſin has bruis'd[z] me like a reed,
  And made me weak, yet will I cry;
  The covenant[a] in Chriſt I plead,
  Of God, who cannot change[b] or lie[c]!

X.

Prayer with Confeſſion.

1 ETERNAL[d] God[e] of love, ... 6
  My ſoul from ſin convert[f]; . . . 6
And all this load of guilt remove, . . . 8
  For thou Almighty art! 6

2 Not one good thought have I
  Thy favour to procure:
No word, or work, thy grace[g] to buy,
  For they are all impure[h].

3 Thy holy law[i] I've broke,
  And ſelf-condemn'd I ſtand,
To bear the ſin-avenging[j] ſtroke,
  Which juſtice doth demand.

4 But mercy[k] is with thee,
  Who doth ſalvation[l] give;
And now, through Chriſt, the gift[m] is free
  For ſinners to receive.

5 At laſt (though late) I turn
  To thee,—the place of reſt[n]:
For all my ſins, I grieve and mourn,
  And pardon[o] do requeſt.

(z) Iſa. xlii. 3.—Matt. xii. 20. (a) Jer. xxxii. 40.—Gal. iii. 17. —Heb. viii. 6, &c. (b) Mal. iii. 6. (c) Tit. i. 2.—Heb. vi. 18. (d) Deut. xxxiii. 27. (e) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (f) Matt. xviii. 3. (g) Rom. iv. 3, &c.—Gal. ii. 16.—Eph. ii. 8, 9. (h) Rom. xiv. 23. (i) Exod. xx. 1, &c.—Jam. ii. 10. (j) Deut. xxxii. 41. (k) Pſal. c. 5.—Tit. iii. 5. (l) Luke i. 77. (m) Rom. v. 18.—Rev. xxii. 17. (n) Pſal. cxvi. 7.—Matt. xi. 28, 29.—Heb. iv. 9, 11. (o) Iſa. lv. 7. —Jer. xxxiii. 8.

6 I cannot pray[p] in vain,
My pray'r is quite ſincere*;
Nor wilt thou anger[q] long retain,
For lo, I feel[r] thee near!

7 The work[ſ] that is begun,
Cut[s] ſhort in righteouſneſs:
Speak[t], gracious Lord, and it is done,—
I ſhall thy mind[u] poſſeſs.

XI.

The Prayer, Confeſſion, and inward Exerciſe of a Sinner coming to God.

1 COME, Lord, and teach[v] me how to pray, 8
According to thy mind‡, ... 6
In thy own time[w], and thy own way[x], . . 8
That I may mercy find. 6

2 For like thoſe worſhippers of old,
Who *Aaron's*[y] calf admir'd,
In Satan's ſervice I've been bold
To do what he requir'd.

3 Nor do I yet know[z] the true ſtate
Betwixt my ſoul and thee;
But what I lov'd, lo! now I hate[a],—
'Tis grievous[b] unto me.

(p) Mar. xi. 24. (q) Mic. vii. 18. (r) Acts xvii. 27. (ſ) Phil. i. 6. (s) Rom. ix. 28. (t) Matt. viii. 8. (u) 1 Cor. ii. 16. —Phil. ii. 5. (v) Luke xi. 1. (w) Iſa. xlix. 8.—2 Cor. vi. 2. (x) Exod. xxxiii. 13.—Pſal. lxxvii. 13. (y) Exod. xxxii. 4. (z) Jer. xvii. 9. (a) Pſal. cxix. 104, 128. (b) Lam. iii. 32, 33.

* When prayer comes from a ſincere heart in this penitential ſtate, let not the ſinner grow weary or faint in his mind, but wreſtle with God, like *Jacob*, who prevailed, and had his name called *Iſrael*. Gen. xxxii. 28.—*Note*, the word *Jacob*, ſignifies a *ſupplanter*, but the word *Iſrael*, a *Prince of God*, or *prevailing with God*.

‡ Thus ſaith the Lord God, to every ſinner, as he did to the houſe of *Iſrael*, Ezek. xxxvi. 37. *I will yet be inquired of. Call upon me, and I will anſwer thee, and ſhew thee great and mighty things, which thou knoweſt not.* Jer. xxxiii. 3.

4 Still, Lord, thou know'ſt when I would pray,
Sometimes my heart replies,
'Thou need not haſte, another day
'Will God as well ſuffice.'

5 With all his art the tempter* pleads,
And ſhews earth's pleaſing charms;
Its deadly baits he daily ſpreads
As thick as *Egypt's* ſwarms[c].

6 With fleſhly[d] luſts likewiſe beſet,
I feel I've loſt all pow'r
(But as new ſtrength[e] from thee I get)
To ſtand the trying hour.

7 Speak[f], Lord, thou mighty[g] art to ſave,
Who cannot ſpeak[h] in vain!
Call a dead *Lazarus*[i] from the grave,
And I ſhall riſe again.

8 Like grave-clothes all my ſins remove,
And witneſs[j] them forgiv'n:
Work this great change, thou God[k] of love!
To make me fit for heav'n.

XII.

Earneſt entreaties for Converſion and the Spirit of Adoption.

1 FROM ſin, Lord, convert . . . 5
This ſad wicked heart: . . . 5
My ſins are as crimſon[l], O bid them depart. . 11

(c) Exod. viii. 21. (d) 1 Pet. ii. 11. (e) Iſa. xl. 29.—Rom. v. 6. (f) 1 Sam. iii. 9, 10. (g) Iſa. lxiii. 1. (h) Iſa. lii. 6. (i) John xi. 43, 44. (j) Rom. viii. 16. (k) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (l) Iſa. i. 18.

* Satan, who is called the god of this world, 2 Cor. iv. 4. was very active (though not ſucceſsful) when he had full power given him to tempt the *Son* of *God*. He preſents to him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, Matt. iv. 8, 9. Can any one then ſuppoſe that he will ceaſe to tempt us, who, by actual ſin, are become earthly, ſenſual, and deviliſh? Jam. iii. 15. It is obvious, he will not; yet let us remember that *Chriſt*, who was tempted in all points, like as we are, Heb. iv. 15. knoweth how to deliver the godly out *of temptations*, 2 Pet. ii. 9.

2 Make ſorrow to ceaſe,
And true faith increaſe,
That I may, through[m] Jeſus, find comfort and peace.

3 For, bow'd to the earth,
I ſtruggle in birth[n];
Nor can I take pleaſure in folly and mirth.

4 O when ſhall I ſee
That bleſt *Jubilee*[o],
The time of my pardon[p], and ſonſhip[q] with thee.

5 Give ear from above,
And Lord let thy love
My troubleſome inmates[r] entirely[s] remove.

6 Ariſe[s] now, and ſhine
With luſtre divine,
And witneſs[t] that I by adoption[u] am thine.

7 I never will reſt
Till thus I am bleſt
With love[v], the pure nature[w] of God in my breaſt.

XIII.

Prayer with Self-abaſement.

1 WITH pity, gracious God, draw[x] near, 8
And to my plaintive cry give ear; . 8
Condemn'd[y] I in confuſion lie, ... 8
Aſham'd to live, nor fit[z] to die. 8

2 For ſin I mourn, and long to be
From its deſtructive[a] pow'r ſet free:
Lord, take away the galling yoke[b],
And let my fetters all be broke.

(m) Rom. v. 1.—vi. 23. (n) Iſa. lxvi. 9. (o) Lev. xxv. 9.
(p) Neh. ix. 17. (q) John i. 12. (r) Matt. xv. 18, 19, 20.
(s) Jam. i. 4. (t) Iſa. lx. 1.—Mal. iv. 2. (t) Rom. viii. 16.
(u) Gal. iv. 5, 6. (v) 1 John iv. 7. (w) 2 Pet. i. 4. (x) Pſal. lxix. 18.
—Jam. iv. 8. (y) Gal. iii. 10. (z) Luke ix. 62.—John iii.
3, 5. (a) 2 Theſ. i. 9. (b) Nah. i. 13.—Gal. v. 1.

3 Propitious God! proclaim my peace,
That guilt may now entirely ceaſe:
O ſeal[c], O make my pardon known[d],
And henceforth claim me for thine own[e].

4 Till with theſe promis'd[f] bleſſings bleſt,
My weary ſoul can never reſt;
Speak, Lord, and let a ſinner prove
The pow'r of Chriſt's redeeming[g] love.

XIV.

A ſorrowful Complaint, with Prayer for Salvation.

1 DEJECTED, ſorrowful, caſt down, . . 8
Well nigh o'erwhelm'd in deep diſtreſs, 8
My weakneſs, without[h] God, I own,— . . 8
O Lord, thy waiting ſervant bleſs. . . 8

2 Thou know'ſt the cauſe of all this grief,
My wants, and whereof I am made:
How curſed pride[i], and unbelief[j]
Deceiv'd, and hath my peace betray'd.

3 Regard the troubles of my ſoul,
And manifeſt thy glorious[k] pow'r:
Stay thou the waves of guilt that roll;
Now make them calm to rage no more.

4 My gloomy night turn into day,
For mourning[l] give me peace and joy:
This great ſalvation[m], Lord, diſplay,
And all the devil's[n] works deſtroy.

5 Give me to ſhare that promis'd reſt[o],
Which for thy people doth remain;
And view, where nothing can moleſt,
Grim death[p], that ghaſtly monſter ſlain!

(c) Eph. i. 13. (d) 1 John iii. 24. (e) Mal. iii. 17. (f) Luke i. 72.—1 John ii. 25. (g) Rom. iii. 24.—Rev. v. 9, 10. (h) John xv. 5.—2 Cor. iii. 5. (i) Obad. 3. (j) Rom. xi. 20. (k) Col. i. 11. (l) Iſa. li. 11.—Jer. xxxi. 13. (m) Luke iii. 6. (n) 1 John iii. 8. (o) Heb. iv. 9. (p) 1 Cor. xv. 26.

2 For from my youth[p], my heart has been
In thought, and word[q], and deed[r] unclean;
Nor can[r] I yet towards thee move,
'Till drawn by cords[s] of fov'reign love.

3 Then, O thou lover[t] of mankind,
Whoſe love is free[u] and unconfin'd;
To me thy Holy[v] Spirit give,
That I may to thy glory live.

4 From this ſad, dark[w], and gloomy ſtate
Into thy kingdom[x], Lord, tranſlate:
My ſong[y] ſhall then for ever be
Of what thy grace has done for me!

XVIII.

Prayer for true Baptiſm.

1 COME, Holy[z] Ghoſt, my heart inſpire . . 8
With love[a], and dwell therein; . . . 6
Baptize* me with this living[b] fire, . . . 8
And purge[c] me from all ſin. 6

(p) Gen. viii. 21. (q) Iſa. lix. 13. (r) John iii. 19, 20, 21. (ſ) John vi. 44. (s) Hoſ. xi. 4. (t) John iii. 16. (u) Rom. v. 18. (v) Luke xi. 13. (w) Joel ii. 2. (x) Col. i. 13. (y) Rev. v. 9. (z) Acts i. 5. (a) Gal. v. 22.—Rom. v. 5. (b) Iſa. vi. 6. (c) Mal. iii. 3.

* From the earlieſt ages of Chriſtianity great miſtakes and numberleſs diſputes have happened in moſt, if not in all parts of Chriſtendom, about *Outward Baptiſm*. Some from miſinterpreting the latter clauſe of Matt. iii. 11. *he ſhall baptize you with the Holy Ghoſt, and with fire*, have with an *hot iron* actually ſet a Croſs upon the face or arm of their children (*Brerewood's Enquiries, page* 153.) Multitudes equally erroneous have ſpent much fruitleſs labour in ſtriving to prove the neceſſity of being baptized with *Elementary Water*; alſo to ſhew the proper time and manner of uſing it: But it is eaſy to prove from Scripture, that the greateſt part of theſe diſputants have contended far more earneſtly for what belonged to the diſpenſation of *John the Baptiſt*, and was only a ſhadow of good things to come, than to convince men of the inſufficiency of outward elements, which are all rejected for being too weak and beggarly in themſelves, to have any power or virtue to adminiſter ſalvation, either in whole or in part. It is likewiſe evident, that moſt of thoſe who paſs under the denomination of *Diſſenters*, do in *ſubſtance agree* with theſe called *Church-men*; for both infer, that in

2 O let its ſacred heat increaſe,
Brighter and brighter glow;
So ſhall[d] I find a conſtant peace,
And in thy likeneſs grow[e].

(d) Phil. iv. 7. (e) Eph. iv. 15.

concurrence with *water*, the help of the Holy Spirit is neceſſary; and they lay the foundation for their *will-worſhip*, Col. ii. 23. by going back to the diſpenſation of *John* for *water*; at the ſame time ſhould their creed require them to go back to *Abraham's* diſpenſation and be *circumciſed*, their practice of circumciſion is as much ſupported in the New Teſtament as that of Water Baptiſm. For after *John's* diſpenſation was ended, *Paul* circumciſed *Timothy*, and was as much juſtified in doing it, as he was in baptizing *Criſpus* and *Gaius*; however we ſtill ſee, that the prejudice of education ſo ſupports tradition, that, whether it be founded on *truth* or *error*, it is more generally received, both by learned and unlearned, than the pure doctrine of inward Baptiſm, and the true Spiritual Worſhip of God, which to every ſerious enlightened mind is full of comfort, without being dependent on any outward element whatever. Theſe *outward Court Worſhippers* would then do well to conſider, that *God dwelleth not in temples made with hands*, Acts xvii. 24. Yet he condeſcendeth *to dwell with him that is of a contrite and humble ſpirit*, Iſa. lvii. 15. And every true believer *is a temple of the living God; as God hath ſaid, I will dwell in them, and will walk in them; and I will be their God, and they ſhall be my people*, 2 Cor. vi. 16. But before a ſinner that has defiled himſelf with ſin, can be made a temple fit for the Spirit of God to dwell in, 1 Cor. iii. 16. he muſt paſs through a ſpiritual ſtate prefigured by that which the children of Iſrael paſſed through, mentioned Exod. xiii. 21. and xiv. 22. and again by the Apoſtle to the church at Corinth. *Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye ſhould be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all paſſed through the ſea; and were all* BAPTIZED *unto Moſes in the cloud and in the ſea*, 1 Cor. x. 1, 2. In this ſtate he is humbled under the hand of the Lord, *Baptized into his death; buried with him in Baptiſm*, Rom. vi. 3, 4. and he *waſhes away his filth by the ſpirit of judgment, and by the ſpirit of burning*, Iſa. iv. 4. which judgeth, condemneth, and conſumeth all evil that is found in the ſinner, makes him *a new creature*, 2 Cor. v. 17. *Or new man, which after God is created in righteouſneſs and true holineſs*, Eph. iv. 24. he ſhews forth *the fruit of the Spirit*, Gal. v. 22, 23. and is made able to *adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things*, Tit. ii. 10. Thus *Jeſus Chriſt* is magnified in his offices of *High Prieſt and Miniſter of the Sanctuary, and of the true Tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man*, Heb. viii. 1, 2. The Scriptures alſo are fulfilled, which ſay, that *he abideth a Prieſt continually*, Heb. vii. 3. and that *he hath an unchangeable Prieſthood*, Heb. vii. 24. But Prieſts who ſuppoſed themſelves to be duly authorized by Epiſcopal ordination, have, in all ages of Chriſtianity, been frequently dividing and ſubdiving into new parties, on account of different opinions When this has happened among thoſe who had any dependence on Water Baptiſm, either its form or time,

3 Then joyful[f] I will henceforth do,
And ſuffer all thy will:
My words[g] and works[h] ſhall likewiſe ſhow[i]
God ſaves his people ſtill.

(f) Heb. x. 34. (g) Matt. xii. 37. (h) Jam. iii. 17. (i) Matt. v. 14, 15, 16.

and manner of uſing it, has moſtly undergone ſome alteration. Some have made choice of a River; others have built Baptiſteries or *Tabernacles*, according to their *own wiſdom*: Some uſe immerſion dipping only once; ſome dip thrice: Some uſe the ſign of the Croſs, with oil, ſalt, chriſm, ſpittle, &c.; others uſe the ſign of Croſs, and only ſprinkle the face with water: Some baptize only at Eaſter and Whitſuntide; others at any ſeaſon of the year: Some baptize only infants, or ſuch as were never baptized before; others baptize infants, and rebaptize when they profeſs to have received the Holy Ghoſt: Some think ſponſors neceſſary; others entirely reject them, &c. &c.. Who but HIRELINGS, blinded by intereſt, or perſons drunk with the prejudice of *Babylon's* education, can call this the direction of an *unchangeable Prieſthood!* but ſuch is the blindneſs of multitudes, that they either do not ſearch the Scriptures for themſelves, or elſe they dare not believe contrary to the Creed they have been taught; but it is not ſo much to be wondered at when we conſider how early children's minds are poiſoned by having falſe doctrines taught them. For as ſoon as they can be taught to read, they are taught to be believe, either in theſe words or others to the ſame purpoſe, that Water Baptiſm "*is generally neceſſary to ſalvation*;" and to eſtabliſh the belief of it, they farther add, "*for being by nature born in ſin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.*" But this is alſo another very dangerous fundamental error; for it ſuppoſes the ſin committed by the *firſt man* to be greater than the free gift by the *ſecond man, which is the Lord from heaven*, 1 Cor. xv. 47. And the ſource of this error ſeems to have its riſe from a wrong interpretation of Eph. ii. 3. the meaning of which is very obvious when compared with the reſt of the paſſage; particularly with the 11th and following verſes: It does not prove that we come into the world *children of wrath*, (the text ſays no ſuch thing) but it was to work a conviction in the mind of the Epheſians, of the ſame nature of that which was wrought into the mind of the Apoſtle Peter, by the viſion which he ſaw, Acts x. 9. &c. And ſure this could not be done more to the purpoſe, than by letting them ſee, that *they all had their converſation in times paſt in the luſts of their fleſh, fulfilling the deſires of the fleſh, and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.* Even as the reſt of mankind who have yielded to ſin, whether *Jews* or *Gentiles*. For there is no more previous cauſe in any one, to bring them under a neceſſity of committing ſin, than was in our *firſt parents*, when the *ſerpent beguiled them*, Gen. iii. 6, 13. For this reaſon none can be chargeable with any degree of ſin whatever, until they tranſgreſs againſt a known law; *for where no law is, there is no tranſgreſſion*, Rom. iv. 15. Then doubtleſs the *law of God* is *written upon the hearts of* children, and they like the *Gentiles*, which

4 For this my ſpirit earneſt cries,
The bleſſing, Lord, impart:
Praiſe then in ſongs[j] to thee ſhall riſe,
As incenſe from my heart.

(j) Pſal. cxlvi. 2.

had no outward law, *do by nature the things contained in the law*, Rom. ii. 14. And while they remain in this ſtate, they are not guilty by breaking the law that was given to *Adam*; neither by any breach of that law given by *Moſes*. For *Jeſus called a little child unto him, and ſet him in the midſt of his diſciples, and ſaid, verily I ſay unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye ſhall not enter into the kingdom of heaven*, Mat. xviii. 2, 3. None can reaſonably ſuppoſe that this was a new born infant, for it is clear that it was a child grown capable of underſtanding what our Lord ſaid to it; conſequently it was a FREE AGENT, having power either to obey or diſobey;—but it was obedient, and becauſe it had not yet tranſgreſſed the laws of its Maker, he ſets it, in this ſinleſs ſtate, in their preſence, and ſhews them at once that its nature was pure in every reſpect; and that their's, which had been defiled by ſin, muſt be made ſo too, before they could enter into the kingdom of heaven: But there is no mention made that ever it had been *Baptized with water*, either by Chriſt or his Diſciples; or that any other change had paſſed upon it, previous to the call of our Lord. How prepoſterous then to ſay that a new-born child has a diabolical nature, which it derives from its firſt natural parents? It is ſaying in the plaineſt language (as before obſerved) that the FREE GIFT by Jeſus Chriſt was leſs meritorious of Divine favour, than the ſin of our firſt parents was of Divine diſpleaſure; and is quite contrary to the judgment of the Apoſtle Paul, who thus contradicts it: *Therefore, as by the offence of one judgment came upon* ALL *men to condemnation; even ſo by the righteouſneſs of one, the free gift came upon* ALL *men to juſtification of life*, Rom. v. 18. If ſo, all men are born in a ſtate of acceptance with God, and are as truly the "*children of grace*," as it is poſſible to make them. Where then is the uſe of *Water Baptiſm*? It is certain, that, like circumciſion, it was once of real uſe, for the time which God had ordained it; but being included in the *Old Covenant*, it is now more than ſeventeen hundred years ſince it was abliſhed, and the *veil done away in Chriſt*, 2 Cor. iii. 14. by the glorious Miniſtration of the Spirit. For *in that he ſaith, a new covenant, he hath made the firſt old. Now, that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vaniſh away*, Heb. viii. 13. And in the 10th verſe of the next Chapter it is again included among the ordinance of the firſt covenant, *which ſtood only in meats, and drinks, and divers* WASHINGS, *and carnal ordinances, impoſed on them until the time of reformation*. And this time of reformation was then come: For Jeſus Chriſt the great High Prieſt and Mediator of the *new covenant*, had put away ſin, by the ſacrifice of himſelf; and ſealed the *new teſtament* with his own blood. He, thereby, is become the *end of the law for righteouſneſs to every one that believeth. For Moſes deſcribeth the righteouſneſs which is of the law*, THAT THE MAN WHICH DOETH THOSE THINGS SHALL LIVE BY

XIX.

For Inſpiration and a due Preparation for Eternity

1 LORD, as my future ſtate of bliſs . .
Depends on preſent holineſs[k], . . .
O let thy Spirit, from above, ...
Inſpire my heart with faith and love. . .

2 For now to thee I all reſign,
Let not my will[l] be done, but thine:
In this thy time[m] work thy own way,
Thy great ſalvation[n] to diſplay.

3 Hence fear[o] and ſorrow[p] will depart,
When Chriſt is formed[q] in my heart;
Faith then ſhall view the devil[r] ſlain*,
And death[s] with all his ghaſtly train,

(k) Heb. xii. 14. (l) Matt. vi. 10. (m) 2 Cor. vi. 2. (n) Ł. 77. (o) Rom. viii. 15. (p) Iſa. xxxv. 10. (q) Gal. i. (r) Heb. ii. 14. (ſ) 1 Cor. xv. 26.

THEM. *But the righteouſneſs which is of faith ſpeaketh on this wiſe not in thine heart, who ſhall aſcend into heaven? (that is, to bring Chriſt from above:) Or, who ſhall deſcend into the deep? (that is, to bri Chriſt again from the dead.) But what ſaith it? The word is nigh even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith we preach; that if thou ſhalt confeſs with thy mouth the Lord Jeſus ſhalt believe in thine heart that God hath raiſed him from the dead, thou be ſaved,* Rom. x. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Although this Apoſtle had been a Baptizer himſelf, he now excludes *Water Baptiſm* from new covenant, and ſays, *that a man is not juſtified by the works law, but by the faith of Jeſus Chriſt,* Gal. ii. 16. and to ſhew th had no miſſion to renew any part of the old covenant of work poſitively declares the contrary: *For Chriſt* (ſays he) *ſent me not to ba but to preach the Goſpel.* Surely then, if *Water Baptiſm* was "*ge neceſſary to ſalvation,*" it could not have been ſeparated from the G but muſt always have been preached as a neceſſary thing, along faith in Jeſus Chriſt. To do this would make the Apoſtle either the Baptiſm of the Holy Ghoſt, or acknowledge two Baptiſms; an certain that he does neither: But according to the miſſion whi has received of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, he preached, *one Lor Faith, ONE BAPTISM,* Eph. iv. 5. and not a plurality of Bap

* This paſſage is not intended to be underſtood to anni the perſon of the devil, but only his diabolical power, naturi works.

4 Prepared thus, I long to be,
For time and for eternity:
My ſoul doth on thy promiſe[s] reſt,
Since God[t] is true, I ſhall be bleſt.

XX.

The Parable of the good Samaritan paraphraſed by an ACTUAL SINNER, *who conſiders himſelf in the ſame ſtate with that* CERTAIN MAN *who fell among thieves.*

1 I AM that *certain*[u] *man* which fell . . 8
Among the crafty thieves of hell . . 8
Who ſtript and wounded me, then fled, . 8
Leaving my naked ſoul half dead. . . . 8

2 Robbed of ev'ry thing that's good,
They left me welt'ring in my blood:
The *Prieſt* and *Levite* ſince paſs'd by,
But neither did my wants ſupply.

3 Come, O thou good SAMARITAN!
Compaſſion ſhew to ſinful man:
Bind up my wounds, pour oil therein,
And wine to cure the ſores of ſin.

4 On thy own beaſt the helpleſs lay,
And to the friendly hoſt convey;
Pay him twopence, and undertake
For further care return to make.

5 No more on *Aaron*[v], or *Levi*,
Will I henceforth for help rely,
For Chriſt, my NEIGHBOUR in diſtreſs,
Will freely all my wants redreſs.

(s) Luke i. 72.—1 John ii. 25. (t) Jer. x. 10.—1 John v. 20.
(u) Luke x. 30, 35. (v) Heb. vii. 11, 12.

XXIV.

For a ſure knowledge of Pardon.

1 ARISE, O God, come and make known
Thy glorious[t] majeſty! . . . . .
And from thy bright effulgent throne, . .
Diſplay thy love to me. . . . . .

2 My thirſty ſoul doth long and pant[u],
For living[v] ſtreams to cheer;
And thou haſt ev'ry thing[w] I want,
To me, therefore, give ear.

3 Thy kind protection[x] day and night,
And guardian care I prove;
But is not mercy[y] thy delight,
In whom I live[z] and move?

4 Then ratify, confirm, and ſeal[a]
My pardon and my peace:
Written in a white[b] ſtone reveal
My new name, and releaſe.

5 For this my hopes immortal are,
And till from ſin ſet free,
I'll wreſtle[c], *Jacob*† like, in pray'r,
And put my truſt in thee.

XXV.

For Grace and Preſervation.

1 O Thou great Parent of all good! . .
Whoſe wiſe paternal love and care, .
Feeds ev'ry[d] living thing with food, . . .
And dwellings for them doth prepare. . .

2 To thee I ſeek, to thee alone
Grace (that immortal food) to find:
Riches[e] and honour I aſk none,
But thine[f], wherewith is peace of mind.

(t) Pſal. xlv. 3, 4. (u) Pſal. xlii. 1. (v) John vii. 37. 3
(w) Iſa. xliv. 24. (x) Pſal. xxxvi. 6. (y) Mic. vi. 8. (z) Acts xvi
28. (a) 2 Cor. i. 22. (b) Rev. ii. 17. (c) Gen. xxxii. 24, &
(d) *Pſal. cxlv. 15, 16.* (e) 1 Kings iii. 13. (f) Jam. iii. 17.

† See the note, page 10.

3 As half awake, I ſee in part
The riches of redeeming love[g];
Lord, quite unveil my eyes and heart,
To view, by faith, the things above.

4 Lo! corn[h] and wine, and oil abounds,—
Therewith now let my ſoul be fed;
And not attend to empty[i] ſounds,
Or be by falſe deluſions[k] led.

5 But make me wiſe[l], and ſtrong[m] to reap
The plenteous[n] harveſt now prepar'd;
And keep me waken[o], leſt I ſleep,
Without obtaining this reward.

XXVI.

Serious Reflections and Self-examination.

1 RISE, riſe, for lo! the Lord is near[p]! . 8
Let theſe dread words thrill thro'thine ear[q]; 8
"I come[r]! behold I quickly come, . . . 8
"With my reward, to ſeal thy doom!" . 8

2 Think thou art at the gates[r] of death;
Should God's harbinger ſtop thy breath[s],
The righteous Judge would from his throne
Soon make his awful judgments known.

3 Aſk, art thou fit for heav'n or no?
Or only for the gulph of wo[t]?
And if thy ſins are unforgiv'n,
Seek now to find the way to heav'n.

4 Thy Maker ſtill in mercy waits[u],
And for thy good expoſtulates[v]!
No more procraſtinate away
Thy time, but inſtantly obey.

(g) Rom. iii. 24. (h) Deut. xxxiii. 28. (i) Matt. xxiv. 23.
(k) Iſa. lxvi. 4.—2 Theſſ. ii. 11. (l) Jam. i. 5. (m) Heb. xi. 34.
(n) Matt. ix. 37. (o) Prov. x. 5. (p) Iſa. lv. 6. (q) Iſa. i. 2.
(r) Rev. xxii. 7, 12, 20. (s) Iſa. xxxviii. 10. (t) Pſal. civ. 29.
(u) Rev. xxii. 11. (v) 2 Pet. iii. 9. (w) Ezek. xviii. 31, &c.

5 All bleſſings are his own to give,
Who ſaith, "Aſk, and ye ſhall receive[w];"
And them the contrite heart may ſhare,
That aſks aright in faith[x] and pray'r.

XXVII.

Expoſtulatory Advice to the Soul.

1 TO-DAY ſhould God's archangel[y] come,
And with the trumpet's fearful ſound
Call me to meet my final doom[z], ...
Prepar'd or not ſhould I be found? . . .

2 My ſoul, 'tis now high[a] time to try[b],
And weigh this weighty matter here,—
View Chriſt[c], as coming from on high,
Before whom thou muſt ſoon appear.

3 Short[d] and uncertain is thy ſtay,
Ere long this mortal frame muſt die:
The moments as they haſte away,
Say this tremendous day is nigh[e]!

4 For truth[f] therefore examine now;
Let ſin not time[g] procraſtinate:
Think how thy ſickening kindred bow,
And what muſt be thy future ſtate.

5 Shouldſt thou miſtake the way to bliſs;
Alas, alas, thou art undone!
For thoſe who here ſalvation miſs,
What he appoints, they cannot ſhun.

6 Then let nought draw, drive, or divert
Thy thoughts from Chriſt, and things[h] above;
But pray in faith till God convert,
And thee create anew in love.

(w) John xvi. 24. (x) Matt. xxi. 22. (y) 1 Theſ. iii. 1
(z) Matt. xxv. 46. (a) Rom. xiii. 11. (b) 2 Cor. xiii. 5
(c) Matt. xxiv. 30. (d) Job xiv. 1, 2. (e) Joel ii. 1, &c.
(f) John xvi. 13. (g) Heb. iii. 7, &c. (h) Col. iii. 1, 2.

XXVIII.

Serious Reflections and Praying for Converſion.

1 BEFORE the awful judgment-ſeat, . . 8
Ere long I muſt appear[i]: 6
The Judge of all the earth to meet, . . . 8
Of him my doom to hear! 6

2 And yet, how careleſs to this day
Have I in ſin ruſh'd on;
Waſting my precious time away,
Though life will ſoon be gone[k]?

3 Diſeaſes ev'ry moment wait,
And death keeps ſtalking round:
Should God by theſe now fix my fate,
I own I'm guilty found.

4 What dread[l] and horror would commence,
Were I doom'd to that place;
No wealth my loſs[m] could recompence
Without the help of grace.

5 To bear the wrath[n] of God moſt high,
With devils[o] I ſhould dwell;
Weep[p] and bewail[q] my miſery,
And gnaſh my teeth in hell.

6 Moſt dreadful thought!—tremendous God!
My drowſy ſoul awake;
Before I'm ſmitten[r] with thy rod,
In that infernal lake[s].

7 All things are poſſible[s] to thee,
And lo, I ſeek[t] thy face:
Lord, let my ſoul converted[u] be,
By thy redeeming grace.

(i) 2 Cor. v. 10. (k) Jam. iv. 14. (l) Rev. vi. 16, 17.
(m) Mark viii. 36, 37. (n) Rev. xiv. 10, 11. (o) Matt. xxv. 41.
(p) Luke xiii. 28. (q) Matt. xiii. 42. (r) Iſa. xi. 4.
(s) Rev. xxi. 8. (s) Matt. xix. 26. (t) 2 Chron. 7. 14.
Pſal. xvii. 8, 9. (u) Matt. xviii. 3.

XXIX.

Solemn Reflections and Holy Admonition.

1 WHEN I arise[v] and leave my tomb[w],
I then shall awful scenes survey;
The righteous[x] Judge to judgment come[y],
Clad[z] with the terrors of that day!

2 Before him all[a] men must appear,
And I myself amongst the rest,
Our doom from his own mouth to hear;
"Depart[b], ye curs'd! or come, ye blest!"

3 To me no matter who proves clear,
If I for sin be try'd and cast;
For then tormenting[c] guilt will tear
My soul for what's already past.

4 And vain my anxious cry would be,
Should I to rocks[d] and mountains call:
For nought can hide or rescue me,
If once God's wrath upon me fall.

5 Then, O my soul! for heav'n inquire,
And all thy crooked[e] ways amend;
So shall he grant thy heart's desire[f],
And crown[g] thee with a glorious end.

XXX.

Exploration and Counsel.

1 MY soul explore, thus meditate,
Am I a child[h] of God, or no?
What must in future be my fate:
A state of happiness or wo?

(v) 1 Thes. iv. 16. (w) John v. 28, 29. (x) Psal. xcvi. 1
(y) Jude 14, 15. (z) Isa. lix. 17. (a) 2 Cor. v. 1
(b) *Matt.* xxv. 34, 41. (c) Rev. xvi. 10, 11. (d) Rev. vi. 16, 1
(e) *Prov. ii. 15.* (f) Psal. cxlv. 19.—Prov. x. 24. (g) 1 Pet. v.
(h) *John i. 12.*—Rom. viii. 14.

2 I ſinn'd and fell, am I reſtor'd[i] ?
Do I to ſin a hatred[j] feel ?
Am I converted[k] to the Lord,
Who doth the contrite[l] ſinner heal ?

3 Am I renew'd[m] in heart and mind,
In all I think, and ſpeak, and do ?
Do I love[n] God, and all mankind,
And this by holy[o] living ſhow ?

4 To theſe ſome anſwer thou muſt give ;
Canſt thou appeal[p] to God, and ſay,
O Lord, thou know'ſt[p] in thee I live ;
Thou art my[q] portion ev'ry day ?

5 Or haſt thou yet this change not known,
And liv'd in darkneſs[r] to this hour ?
If ſo, ſeek now, that God may own[ſ],
And ſave thee by his mighty[ſ] pow'r.

XXXI.

The Omniſcience, Omnipotence, and Omnipreſence of God confeſſed, and his Mercy ſought through the Mediation of Chriſt.

1 TO God are all my ſecrets[t] known, . 8
Both what I think, and ſpeak, and do ; . 8
What then ſhall hide me from his frown[u] . 8
Who my polluted[v] ſoul doth view ? . . . 8

2 Should I to earthly courts repair,
And mount ſome monarch's ſtately throne[w],
Guilt would be my companion there,
Though I ſought eaſe, I ſhould find none.

3 And ſhould I ſeek, to men deem'd wiſe[x],
Much learn'd or of reputed fame :
Alas ! they only could adviſe,
But never take away my ſhame.

(i) Iſa. lviii. 12. (j) Jude 23. (k) Matt. xviii. 3. (l) Pſal. xxxiv. 18.—Iſa. lxvi. 2. (m) Eph. iv. 23. (n) 1 John iv. 21. (o) 1 Pet. i. 15. (p) 2 Cor. xi. 31. (q) Lam. iii. 24 (r) Prov. iv. 19. (ſ) Mal. iii. 17. (s) Eph. i. 19. (t) Pſal. xliv. 21.—*Rom. ii. 16.* (u) Iſa. xxx. 27. (v) Jer. ii. 23. (w) Dan. v. 20, 21. (x) 1 Cor. iii. 18, 19, 20.

4 If peace[y] from ſolitude I ſeek,
And in ſome ſhady grove[z] abide,
There nature's fading frame will ſpeak,
And my ungodly folly chide.

5 From dark and loneſome caverns[a] deep,
Should I relief expect to find;
This would but add more cauſe to weep[b],
And aggravate my troubled mind.

6 Or ſhould I mount the morn's bright wings[c]
And fly to earth's remoteſt bound,
To hide me from the King[d] of kings!
No reſt or eaſe could there be found.

7 Thy preſence[e], Lord, I cannot ſhun,
Nor war[f] with thine Omnipotence[g]!
Where then for ſafety can I run,
Or who ſhall ſtand in my defence?

8 Since nought can hide[h] my guilty head
From thy effulgent flaming[i] eyes[j],
Thou awful Judge[k] of quick and dead,
My ſin before thee naked[l] lies!

9 O that thou now would magnify[m]
Thy mercy, and them all forgive[n]:
For thereon, I through Chriſt rely,
Who freely[o] dy'd that I might live.

10 Be thou alone my hiding[p] place,
My rock, my tower, and defence:
Thus ſav'd from ſin[q], and kept by grace[r],
There's none can ever pluck[s] me thence.

(y) Ezek. vii. 25. (z) Iſa. xvii. 8. (a) Iſa. ii. 19. (b) Joel ii. 12. (c) Pſal. cxxxix. 9. (d) 1 Tim. vi. 15. (e) Pſal. cxxxix. 7. (f) 1 Sam. vi. 20. (g) Rev. xix. 6. (h) Jer. xxiii. 24. (i) Rev. ii. 18. (j) Prov. v. 21.—xv. 23. (k) Acts x. 42. (l) Heb. iv. 13. (m) Gen. xix. 19. (n) Pſal. xxv. 11, 18. (o) 1 Theſ. v. 10. (p) Pſal. xxxi. 2, 3.—xxxii. 7.—Prov. xviii. 10.—Iſa. xxxii. 2.—xxxiii. 16. (q) Matt. i. 21. (r) 1 Pet. i. 5. (s) John x. 28, 29.

XXXII.

Confeſſion of Perfidiouſly abuſing Grace, with Prayer for Faith and Salvation.

1 PERFIDIOUS heart[s], thy wretched[t] caſe . 8
God only can deſcribe and tell: . . 8
For ſinning and abuſing grace, ... 8
Thy merit claims a place in hell[u]. . . . 8

2 Lord, does my ſins, though vile and great,
Exceed the meaſure of thy love[v];
If not, for mercy I intreat
My condemnation[w] to remove.

3 In Jeſus help me to believe,
Who to redeem mankind was ſlain[x]!
Through him from guilt my ſoul retrieve,
And let me pardon[y] now obtain.

4 My mourning ſoul vouchſafe to cheer,
And henceforth quicken[z] me with grace,
That I may to thy word adhere,
And thy revealed will[a] embrace.

5 Till I this[b] great ſalvation prove,
I for thy coming wait[c] and pray:
O look with pity from above,
And love's forgiving[d] pow'r diſplay.

XXXIII.

Prayer and Penitential Sorrow.

1 VOUCHSAFE to hear and ſave[e] me, Lord, . 8
If I from ſin may be reſtor'd, . . . 8
For, conſcious of my guilt, I cry, ... 8
To thee, the only ſource of good[f], . . . 8
Chriſt did for my ſalvation die[g], ... 8
And freely ſpilt his precious[h] blood! . . 8

(s) Heb. iii. 12. (t) Rev. iii. 17. (u) Rev. xxi. 8. (v) John iii. 16. (w) John iii. 19. (x) Rev. v. 9, 12. (y) Jer. xxxiii. 8. (z) Pſal. cxix. 25. (a) Eph. i. 9. (b) Heb. ii. 3. (c) Lam. iii. 25, 26. *(d) 1 John i. 9.* (e) Matt. i. 21. (f) Jam. i. 17. *(g) Rom. v. 6, 8.* *(h) 1 Pet. i. 19.*

2 If thereby I may find redreſs,
O read with pity[i] my diſtreſs;
See all the troubles of my mind:
Now for his ſake[j] my ſins forgive;
True peace[k] and comfort[l] let me find,
And henceforth to thy glory live.

XXXIV.

For Pardon, and the Witneſs of the Holy Spirit.

1 BOW down thine ear, O Lord, to hear[m] . 8
A poor and needy ſinner pray: . . 8
While I approach[n] thy throne draw[o] near, . 8
And take[p], O take my ſins away. . . . 8

2 For now, above all other things,
I aſk for wiſdom[q] from above,
With faith[r], that peace and comfort brings,
And full[s] aſſurance of thy love.

3 Come, gracious Lord, and let me feel
Thy Holy Spirit in my breaſt,
To witneſs[s], and my pardon ſeal[t],
That I may enter[u] into reſt.

4 In grateful ſongs I'll then begin,
Of my Redeemer's love[v] to tell,
Who ſav'd on Ruin's brink from ſin,
And ſnatch'd me from the jaws of hell!

XXXV.

Prayer, as at the Pool of BETHESDA.

1 AS at *Bethesda's*[w] pool I wait 8
Impotent, blind, and lame: 6
Lord, ſave me from this wretched ſtate, . 8
Of miſery and ſhame. 6

(i) Iſa. lxiii. 9. (j) 1 John ii. 12. (k) Rom. v. 1. (l) 2 Cor. i. 3, 4. (m) Pſal. lxxxvi. 1. (n) Pſal. lxv. 4. (o) Jam. iv. 8. (p) *1 John* iii. 5. (q) Jam. iii. 17. (r) Rom. v. 1. (ſ) Heb. x. 22. (s) *Rom. viii. 16.* (t) 2 Cor. i. 22. (u) Heb. iv. 3. (v) *1 John iii. 1.* (w) John v. 2, &c.

2 For long I've lain, behold my caſe,
And help me to ſtep in,
Into the *pool* of thy free[x] grace,
There waſh[y] me from all ſin.

3 Say, as of old, "Take up thy bed[z],
"Ariſe and walk upright,"
That I no more the curſe[a] may dread,
But in thy law[b] delight.

4 All[c] things are poſſible to thee,
In whom I now believe[d]:
Set right whate'er is wrong in me,
My heart quite undeceive.

XXXVI.

Penitential Prayer for Favour and inward Tranſformation.

1 GREAT God[e]! thou art[f] moſt high, . 6
And holy[g], juſt[h], and true! . . . 6
Regard my penitential cry, ... 8
Or ſin[i] will me undo. 6

2 Except grace[j] interfere
In my behalf to ſave;
Lo, I the wrath[k] of God muſt bear
In hell, beyond the grave.

3 Forſake[l] me not, O Lord,
But pity[m] my diſtreſs,
And let me be again reſtor'd,
Thy favour[n] to poſſeſs.

4 Examine[o] well, and prove
And try my reins and heart,
That all contrary to thy love,
For ever may depart.

(x) Rom. iii. 24. (y) Eph. v. 26. (z) Matt. ix. 5, 6. (a) Gal. iii. 10. (b) Pſal. i. 2. (c) Mar. xiv. 36. (d) Mar. ix. 23, 24. (e) Deut. x. 17. (f) Pſal. lvii. 2. (g) Lev. xix. 2. (h) Deut. xxxii. 4.——Rev. xv. 3. (i) John viii. 21, 24. (j) Eph. ii. 5, 8. (k) Rom. ii. 8. (l) Pſal. xxxviii. 21. (m) Iſa. lxiii. 9. (n) Pſal. xxx. 5. (o) Pſal. xxvi. 2.

5 Be merciful[p], and ſhew
This great ſalvation[q] near;
And all my ſoul transform anew,
To ſerve thee without fear[r].

XXXVII.

EPHRAIM's *acceptance alluded to in Prayer.*

1 TO thee, the living[t] God, I cry . . . 8
For ſuccour and redreſs; 6
Sure thou who ravens[s] doth ſupply, . . 8
Wilt mourning[t] ſinners bleſs. 6

2 Like *Ephraim*[u] I bemoan my caſe,
In ſecret day and night:
Through Jeſus let me now find[v] grace
And favour in thy ſight.

3 Still ſay, "Is *Ephraim* my dear ſon[w]?
Is he a pleaſant child?
I ſpake againſt what he had done,
But ſince am reconcil'd."

4 Thus ſatisfy my weary ſoul
With thy forgiving[x] love,
And ſtay theſe waves of guilt that roll
By mercy from above.

5 Then will I with thy children ſing,
And to *Mount*[y] *Zion* haſte,
To praiſe the Lord, my God[z] and King,
For what I feel and taſte.

XXXVIII.

For a ſure Knowledge of God.

1 LAMB[a] of God, for ſinners ſlain[b], . . 7
Waſh away ſin's ſcarlet[c] ſtain; . . . 7
All its crimſon hue remove 7
By the ſov'reign pow'r of love. 7

(p) Jer. iii. 12. (q) Iſa. lvi. 1. (r) 1 John iv. 18. (ſ) Pſal xlii. 2 —lxxxiv. 2. (s) Job xxxviii. 41. (t) Matt. v. 4. (u) Jer. xxxi. 18. (v) Acts xv. 11. (w) Jer. xxxi. 20. (x) Ex. xxxiv. 7. (y) *Pſal. xlviii. 2.—Heb.* xii. 22. (z) Pſal. lxxiv. 12. (a) John i. 36. (b) *Rev.* v. 12.—xiii. 8. (c) Iſa. i. 18.

2 Something cheers me from on high;
Surely thou art drawing nigh!
Jeſus, full of truth[d] and grace,
Shew thy reconciled face.

3 WITNESS[e] to the truth divine,
Aſcertain that I am thine;
And from wiſdom's[f] pleaſant way
Never let me err or ſtray.

4 Should thy ſervant be revil'd,
Keep me humble, meek, and mild;
Or if try'd with worldly loſs,
May I joyful[g] bear the croſs.

5 Thus hell's baſe deſigns defeat,
And in me thy work complete[h],
That I ſpotleſs[i] may be found
When the laſt[j] great trump ſhall ſound.

XXXIX.

Hope encouraged, and Faith exerciſed in Prayer.

1 WHY[k], oh! my ſoul, art thou caſt down? 8
What troubles now aſſail? 6
Thou can't endure thy Maker's frown, . . 8
But can his mercy fail? 6

2 Nay, hope in God, for he will yet
Thee from thy ſorrows raiſe,
And make thy bitter waters ſweet,
That thou may ſing his praiſe.

3 O God, appear[l], ariſe, and ſhine,
My ſoul with comfort bleſs:
Wilt thou forget[m] a child of thine,
O'erwhelm'd in great diſtreſs?

(d) John i. 14. (e) Rev. i. 5. (f) Prov. iii. 17. (g) Heb. x. 34. (h) Col. iv. 12. (i) Eph. v. 27. (j) 1 Cor. xv. 52. (k) Pſal. xlii. 5 &c. (l) *Pſal. cii. 13, 16.* (m) Iſa. xlix. 15, 16.

4 It cannot be while thou art God;
  God can't himſelf deny[n]!
Thou mayſt chaſtiſe[o] me with thy rod,
  But wilt not let me die.

5 Send forth thy light[p] and truth, O Lord,
  To guard me from all ill,
That I may underſtand[q] thy word,
  And do thy righteous will.

6 Shew that thou but rebukes[r] in love,
  And haſt my ſins[ſ] forgiv'n,
That I'm an heir[s] with Chriſt above,
  To all the joys of heav'n.

XL.

To be Quickened, Pardoned, and made Fruitful.

1 QUICKEN[t] me, thou quick'ning[u] Spirit! 8
  Slothfulneſs and ſin remove; . . . 7
Gladly would I now inherit[v] 8
  Wiſdom that comes from above[w]: . . . 7
    Pure and gentle, ... 4
  Full of mercy, and of love. 7

2 Make me, in primeval beauty,
  To become a little[x] child;
Innocent in ev'ry duty,
  Holy, harmleſs[y], undefil'd:
    To my Maker,
  Through Chriſt Jeſus reconcil'd[z].

3 Like the teeming vines of *Eſhcol*[a],
  Or the vales which ſhout[b] and ſing,
May my fruit the true[c] VINE extol,
  And eternal praiſes bring
    To my Saviour[d],
  Who diſarms death of his ſting[e].

(n) 2 Tim. ii. 13. (o) Heb. xii. 6, 7, 8. (p) Pſal. xliii. 3. (q) Pſal. cxix 34. (r) Pſal. vi. 1. (ſ) 1 John ii. 12. (s) Rom. viii. 17. (t) Pſal. cxix. 88. (u) 1 Cor. xv. 45. (v) Col. i. 12. (w) Col. iii. 1, 2.—Jam. iii. 17. (x) Mar. x. 15. (y) Phil. ii. 15. (z) *Rom.* v. 10. (a) Num. xiii. 23, 24. (b) Pſal. lxv. 13. (c) *John xv. 1, &c.* (d) John iv. 42. (e) 1 Cor. xv. 55, 56, 57.

XLI.

Encouragement to believe for Salvation.

1 MY ſoul, return unto thy reſt[f]; . . 8
The Lord with thee hath kindly dealt, 8
His love is clearly manifeſt[g], ... 8
Which thou ſo many times hath felt[h]: . . 8
No longer then his Spirit grieve[i], . . . 8
But grace[j] through faith in Chriſt receive. . 8

2 Review the wonders faith[k] hath done
To *Abra'm's*[l] ſeed in ages paſt:
See through what hardſhips ſome have gone,
While they on God their care did caſt;
Scourg'd, ſawn aſunder, tempted, ſlain,
And yet unſhaken did remain!

3 Remember all his works of old[m],
What wonders[n] he for *Iſrael* wrought:
Pharaoh God's people could not hold[o],
But them he out of bondage brought!
Believe, and thou[p] ſhalt alſo prove
As great a change wrought by his[q] love.

XLII.

A Paraphraſe of the experience of HEZEKIAH, *King of* JUDAH.

1 LIKE to a crane[r] or ſwallow I . . . 8
Did chatter, or mourn like a dove; . 8
But thou, Lord, heard me from on high, . 8
And all my ſorrow did remove. 8

2 Behold, for peace, from ſin, I had
Great bitterneſs and grief of mind:
None elſe but Chriſt[t] could make me glad,
Through whom I now ſalvation find.

(f) Pſal. cxvi. 7. (g) 1 John iv. 9. (h) 1 Cor. xii. 7. (i) Eph. iv. 30. (j) Eph. ii. 8. (k) Heb. xi. (l) Gal. iii. 16. (m) Iſa. lxiii. 11. (n) Exod. iii. 20. (o) Exod. xiv. 28, 29, 30. (p) Mar. ix. 23. (q) 1 John iv. 12. (r) Iſa. xxxviii. 14, 17, 18, 19. (t) Acts iv. 12.

3 My countleſs ſins behind thy back,
Into oblivion thou haſt caſt;
And I no good thing now can lack,
But thee will thank for favours paſt.

4 For, lo, the grave can't give thee praiſe;
Death cannot celebrate thy worth:
Hopeleſs corruption ne'er can raiſe
Thy truth, or ſet thy glory forth.

5 The living man, the living he,
Shall praiſe thee, as I do this day;
And parents to poſterity,
Succeſſively thy praiſe diſplay.

XLIII.

Praiſe for Redemption; Prayer for Preſervation, and an increaſe of Grace.

1 FOR thy free[s] grace and boundleſs love[t], 8
O Lord, I will thy praiſe proclaim, 8
Who heard and anſwer'd from above, 8
And me redeem'd from guilt and ſhame. 8

2 But, lo, I'm weak in ev'ry part,
And ſtill expos'd to death I lie;
Shouldſt thou one moment leave my heart,
I inſtantly ſhould ſin and die.

3 For Satan rages to devour[u]
And make my new-born ſoul his prey;
Then Lord, ſhew forth thy mighty pow'r,
Leſt he thine helpleſs infant ſlay.

4 Cloſe in thy boſom[v] let me hide,
And be with milk[w] and manna[x] fed;
There keep me free from ſin and pride,
In peace[y] and ſafety without dread.

(s) Rom. iii. 24. (t) 1 John iii. 1. (u) 1 Pet. v. 8.
(v) Iſa. xl. 11. (w) 1 Pet. ii. 2. (x) Rev. ii. 17. (y) Iſa. xxvi. 3.

5 And while a babe or ſuckling child,
Out of my mouth, perfect thy praiſe;
And let me be no more defil'd,
But blameleſs ſerve thee all my days.

XLIV.

Joy ariſing from a ſenſibility of the New Birth.

1 BORN of thy Spirit[z] from above, . . 8
Thou Sav'our[a] of mankind, ... 6
And in poſſeſſion of thy love[b], ... 8
I hidden treaſure[c] find. 6

2 My heavy burden[d] is remov'd,
Wherewith I was oppreſs'd,
And of my God, in Chriſt belov'd,
I now have peace[e] and reſt.

3 No ſlaviſh fear[f], no guilt[g] for ſin
Can grieve or trouble me;
My bonds[h] are looſed, and within
I walk at liberty[i].

4 My ſoul, therefore, in God rejoice,
As angels[j] do above:
For ever praiſe with heart and voice
The God of truth and love!

XLV.

For Grace to withſtand, and finally to overcome the Temptations of the Devil.

1 ALMIGHTY God[k]! behold how weak[l] 8
A new-born[m] child of grace doth lie, . 8
And ſtrengthen me thy praiſe[n] to ſpeak, . 8
That I thy name may glorify. 8

(z) John iii. 5, 8. (a) 1 Tim. iv. 10. (b) 2 Tim. i. 7.
(c) 2 Cor. iv. 6, 7.——Col. ii. 2, 3. (d) Pſal. xxxviii. 4.
(e) Eph. ii. 14. (f) 1 John iv. 18. (g) Rom. viii. 1.
(h) Luke xiii. 16. (i) 2 Cor. iii. 17. (j) Rev. v. 11, &c.
(k) Gen. xvii. 1. (l) 2 Cor. xiii. 4. (m) 1 Pet. ii. 2.
(n) *Matt. xxi. 16.*

2 To the *Deſtroyer*[o] of mankind
Don't let me ever fall a prey[p];
But that eternal refuge[q] find,
Where nought can take my life away.

3 Whatever Satan[r] may deviſe,
O let him not thy ſervant cheat;
But with true wiſdom[ſ] make me wiſe,
To ſhun his flatteries[s] and deceit[t].

4 And ſhould he rage[u], Lord, ſave me ſtill;
The ſword[v] of thy own Spirit give,
And faith the ſhield invincible,
That I may overcome[w] and live.

5 Great CAPTAIN[x] of ſalvation hear,
And grace[y] ſufficient let me prove,
In holineſs[z] to perſevere[a],
Till crown'd[b] with victory above.

6 Lo, in thine Omnipotence[c],
(Whoſe hand hath me and all things made[d])
I reſt for ſafety[e] and defence[f]:
Of whom then ſhall I be afraid[g]?

XLVI.

Praiſe to the Chief SHEPHERD *for his goodneſs to a loſt Sheep.*

1 CHIEF SHEPHERD[h], thou thy lambs doſt bear; 8
They in thy boſom[i] reſt: 6
For which thy goodneſs I'll declare, . . . 8
Who hath a wand'rer[j] bleſt. 6

2 When I had ſtrayed from thy fold[k],
Far from the ſhady[l] rock,
On thy loſt[m] ſheep thou didſt lay hold,
And brought me to thy flock[n].

(o) 1 Cor. x. 10. (p) Ezek. xxxiv. 22, 28. (q) Deut. xxxiii. 27.
(r) 2 Cor. ii. 11. (ſ) Col. i. 9. (s) Dan. xi. 32, 34.
(t) Rev. xix. 20. (u) 1 Pet. v. 8. (v) Eph. vi. 11, &c.
(w) Rev. xxi. 7. (x) Heb. ii. 10. (y) 2 Cor. xii. 9.
(z) Heb. xii. 10, 14. (a) Eph. vi. 18. (b) Rev. ii. 10.
(c) Rev. xix. 6. (d) Acts xvii. 24. (e) Prov. xxi. 31.
(f) Iſa. xxxiii. 16. (g) Iſa. xii. 2. (h) 1 Pet. v. 4. (i) Iſa. xl. 11.
(j) *Ezek. xxxiv. 6, &c.* (k) John x. 16. (l) Iſa. xxxii. 2.
(m) *Matt. x. 6.* (n) Iſa. lx. 7.

3 With care thou now my ſoul doſt lead[o],
In plenty to ſolace;
Where I on verdant herbage feed,
And drink[p] pure ſtreams[q] of grace.

4 Whenever real danger's near,
Thy rod[r] and ſtaff I feel;
I know thy voice[ſ], and it doth hear,
Which comfort doth reveal.

5 From wolves and ev'ry beaſt of prey,
Thy watchful eye doth keep:
Thou doſt not ſuffer them to ſlay
Or rob thee of thy ſheep.

6 Thy flock at noon[s] from heat[t] doth lie
Secure beneath thy ſhade;
And none can ever faint[u] or die[v]
Who truſt[w] in thee for aid.

7 Thy name I'll praiſe (while thus reclin'd)
For thy abiding[x] love:
At laſt, great SHEPHERD[y], let me find
My lot[z] with thee above.

XLVII.

Praiſe to GOD *for beſtowing undeſerved Favours.*

1 THEE will I praiſe, my God[a] and King, 8
And ſpread thy fame abroad: . . . 6
Of all thine attributes[b] I'll ſing, ... 8
Who grace on me beſtow'd. 6

2 Thy all-redeeming[c] pow'r hath rais'd
My ſoul from Ruin's brink;
While ſin abounded, mercy blaz'd,
When ready juſt to ſink.

(o) Pſal. xxiii. 2, 3. (p) 1 Cor. x. 4. (q) Iſa. xxxv. 6. (r) Pſal. xxiii. 4. (ſ) John x. 4, &c. (s) Cant. i. 7. (t) Iſa. xxv. 4, 5. (u) Iſa. xl. 29, 31. (v) John vi. 50, 51. (w) Pſal. cxxv. 1. (x) 1 John iii. 24. (y) Heb. xiii. 20. (z) Dan. xii. 13. (a) Pſal. lxxiv. 12. (b) Pſal. cxlv. 3, &c. (c) Eph. ii. 10, 12, 13.

3 Of all the creatures thou haſt made,
None more deſerv'd to die;
But on the Mighty[d] help was laid,
Who came[e] down from on high!

4 Lo, how propitious[f] to the vile,
Words can't enough expreſs,
That Chriſt[g] ſhould die to reconcile,
And me with pardon[h] bleſs!

5 Beyond compare[i], thy works of love
No parallel can meet!
For which, when time[j] ſhall ceaſe to move,
I'll ſtill thy praiſe repeat.

6 In ſongs of loud applauſe to thee
I'll raiſe my heart and voice;
Give thanks through all eternity,
And in thy love rejoice.

XLVIII.

The Lord exalted in ſhewing Mercy through the Blood of Chriſt.

1 GOD of mercy[k], my delight, ... 7
Moſt dread[l] Sov'reign, true and juſt; . 7
Ev'ry work of thine is right, ... 7
By whoſe aid ſecure I truſt: 7
Thou art *Iſrael's*[m] God and mine; . . . 7
Endleſs praiſe from all be thine! 7

2 Chriſt, in love[n] to my poor ſoul,
Hath redeem'd[o] it by his blood;
And from ſin hath made me whole[p],
When condemn'd I guilty ſtood!
O, amazing, that ſuch grace
Should in my behalf take place!

(d) Pſal. lxxxix. 19. (e) John vi. 38. (f) 1 John ii. 2. (g) Rom. v. 6, 8, 10. (h) Mic. vii. 18. (i) Iſa. xl. 18.—xlvi. 5. (j) Rev. x. 6. (k) Exod. xxxiv. 6. (l) Iſa. viii. 13.—Dan. ix. 4. (m) *Iſa. xlv. 3.* (n) John xv. 9. (o) 1 Pet. i. 18, 19.—Rev. v. 9. (p) *John v. 9, 14.*

3 Far more boundleſs than the ſea,
From its diſtant ſhores around,
It is ſtill diſplay'd to me;
Who hath this ſalvation found!
Lord, continue thus to bleſs,
Till I all thy mind poſſeſs.

XLIX.

A relation of paſt and preſent experience; with Prayer for an obedient Spirit, and for eternal Life.

1 ONCE deceiv'd, on works[q] I ſtood, . . 7
In ignorance and ſin; 6
Fondly dreaming I was good, . . . 7
Although unchang'd within: . . . 6
Hence I ſtrove to juſtify 7
Myſelf by my own righteouſneſs[r], ... 8
Which did plainly teſtify 7
I liv'd in wickedneſs. 6

2 In this ſtate I dwelt at eaſe[s],
And thought myſelf ſecure[s];
But conviction[t] did me ſieze,
Which ſhew'd God's law[u] is pure:
From *Sinai*[v] it did flame,
And ſet its terrors[w] in array!
Then I bluſh'd with guilt and ſhame,
And in confuſion lay.

3 Till that time, I ſought to ſcreen
My faults, which ſince I own;
Yet in love[x] thou haſt me ſeen,
And made my pardon known:

(q) Gal. ii. 16. (r) Ezek. xxxiii. 13.—Matt. v. 20. (ſ) Zech. i. 15. (s) Job xii. 6. (t) Job viii. 9.—Rom. vii. 5, &c.—Jam. ii. 10. (u) Pſal. xix. 7, 8.—Prov. xxx. 5. (v) Deut. xxxiii. 2. (w) Job vi. 4. (x) Iſa. xxxviii. 17.

Now thou knows I love thee, Lord,
But 'tis becauſe[y] thou lovedſt me:
By thy grace I am reſtor'd,
And ſet at liberty!

4 Free from guilt, which threat'ned death,
And baſe unhallow'd fears[z];
Lo, I worſhip thee in faith,
Who dry'd up all my tears:
'Twas not[a] done for ought of mine,
Which I did do, or might have done;
No, the work is wholly thine,[b]
Wrought[c] by thy only SON!

5 O that I may not abuſe
Thy gifts or boundleſs grace,
But my time and talents uſe
In ſetting forth thy praiſe:
Help me, Lord, where e'er I be,
That I may thy great name adore;
Die[d], to live again in thee,
When time ſhall be no more.

L.

MORNING DEVOTION.

The firſt thoughts of the Day devoted to Praiſe and Prayer.

1 MY earlieſt thoughts this morning, Lord, 8
I do devote to thee; 6
Who me from bondage[e] hath reſtor'd . . 8
To ſacred liberty[f]. 6

2 Thy glorious preſence, while I ſlept,
From all that might alarm
Or take my life, thy hand hath kept,
That nothing did me harm.

(y) 1 John iv. 19. (z) Rom. viii. 15.—1 John iv. 18. (a) Eph. ii. 8, 9. (b) John vi. 44.—xv. 5. (c) Eph. i. 20.—*ii. 10, 22.* *(d)* Rom. xiv. 8. (e) Gal. iv. 3, 7. (f) Gal. v. 1.

3 Of thy great love, and watchful care,
Moſt gladly I will tell;
And for the world to come prepare,
That I with thee may dwell.

4 For thou has made me to rejoice,
And lengthen'd out my days;
I'll therefore raiſe my heart and voice,
To celebrate thy praiſe.

5 Lo, when night comes, before I reſt
Thy favours I'll review;
And ev'ry day while I'm ſo bleſt,
My theme again renew.

6 But leſt I ſin, Lord, let thy grace
Preſerve and quicken[g] me,
Till I unveil'd[h] thy ſmiling face,
In endleſs glory ſee!

LI.

Morning Devotion.

Praiſe flowing from a grateful Heart, and Prayer for continued bleſſings.

1 AWAKING out of ſleep, ... 6
To grateful thoughts I'm led; . . . 6
And thee will praiſe, who ſafe did keep . . 8
Me while I ſlept in bed. 6

2 Around me, as I lay,
O Lord, thy angels ſtood[i]:
Thy goodneſs likewiſe through the day
For me provided food[j].

3 Hence I ſtill caſt my care
On thee, O thou moſt[k] High!
Help me, while I theſe bleſſings ſhare,
Thy name to glorify.

(g) Rom. viii. 11. (h) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.—xv. 53. (i) Heb. i. 14.
(j) Pſal. cxlv. 16. (k) Pſal. l. 14.

LIV.

Thankſgiving.

1 ARISE, my ſoul, thy Maker praiſe, . .
Who lengthens* out on earth my days;
And, Lord, do thou regard me now, . . .
For lo, to thee my ſoul I bow. . . .

2 I thank thee for my being here,
For food, and for the clothes I wear;
For health join'd with tranquillity,
And theſe glad days which now I ſee.

3 I thank thee for my Saviour's love[y],
Who dy'd that I his grace might prove;
And for the gift of faith divine,
With an aſſurance I am thine.

4 I thank thee for thy Spirit's[z] ſeal,
The bleſt impreſſion which I feel;
And for the ſignature[a] I bear,
Which me ſecures from ſlaviſh fear.

5 I thank thee for thy promiſe[b] ſure,
Which thou haſt made to all the pure,
That they ſhall ſee thy face above,—
This ſight ere long I hope to prove!

LV.

New-Year's Day.

Adoration, Praiſe, and Prayer.

1 THOU Author[c] of my days, . .
And kind Preſerver here; . . .
While I review my ways, ...
I thy great name revere: . . . .
For though I've moſt unworthy been, . .
I now *another year* have ſeen! . . . .

(y) Gal. ii. 20. (z) 2 Cor. i. 22. (a) 2 Tim. i. 7. (b) Matt. v.
(c) Iſa. xlv. 12.—John i. 1, 3.—Col. i. 16.

* I was born at Rotherhithe, in the ſuburbs of London, on the 9 day of the 3d month, 1753; and when I arrived at about 32 years *age (after recovering* from a long and dangerous illneſs) I compoſ *this Thankſgiving* on my own Birth-Day.

2 I can't enough adore,
Or magnify thy love,
Who did my cauſe[d] explore,
And ſorrows[e] all remove:
As ſoon as I in faith[f] did pray,
Thou heard and took my ſins away.

3 Amazing love[g] indeed!
Since theſe were all forgiv'n,
This world doth quite recede
By the approach of heav'n[h];
The joy[i] of which has ſeiz'd my breaſt,
Accompanied with peace and reſt.

4 And lo, through Jeſu's blood,
How richly I'm ſupply'd[j];
Thy hand ſufficient food,
With raiment, doth provide:
All things in one combine to raiſe
My heart in grateful ſongs of praiſe.

5 I'll therefore praiſe thy name
For what's already done:
Lord, ſtill inſpire my frame,
The way of ſin to ſhun;
And to perpetuate my peace,
My faith abundantly increaſe.

6 O make my love expand
Aright to all mankind;
And in obedience ſtand
To thy great will reſign'd,—
That I the fiery teſt may bide,
As gold[k] when in the furnace try'd.

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(d) John xii. 27.—Heb. ix. 15. (e) Iſa. liii. 4. (f) Matt. xxi. 22.
(g) Rom. v. 8. (h) Matt. vi. 21. (i) Gal. v. 22. (j) Matt. vi. 33.
(k) Mal. iii. 3.

LVI.

On Thought.

1 ALAS! when buſy thought[l] . . . 6
Will muſe on worthleſs things, . . 6
Its product is far worſe than nought; . . 8
It deadly ſorrow[m] brings. 6

2 Baſe worldly thoughts procure
Diſtreſs where'er they be;
And doth the curſe[n] of God inſure
In wo and miſery.

3 But thought[o] inſpired to love
Jeſus, the ſinner's FRIEND[p],
Doth contemplate on things[q] above,
Where joy can never end!

4 It flies through ev'ry clime,
Through heav'n[r], and earth, and hell,
And goes beyond the bounds of time
In other worlds to dwell!

5 Its, like its AUTHOR[s], pure,
Of an eternal[s] frame;
And as himſelf it will endure[t]
For ever ſtill the ſame.

6 My ſoul aſcend on high,
And view the things above;
There God will truly ſatisfy[u]
And fill thee with his love!

(l) Prov. xv. 26.——Rom. ii. 15. (m) 2 Cor. vii. 10. (n) Iſa. lix. 7, 8.—Matt. xxv. 41. (o) Prov. xii. 5.—Mal. iii. 16. —2 Cor. v. 14. (p) Prov. xviii. 24. (q) Eph. iii. 17, --- 20.— Col. iii. 1, 2. (r) Pſal. viii. 3.—lxxvii. 12.—cxix. 97, 99.— cxxxix. 2, 8, 9. (ſ) 1 John iii. 3. (s) John xvii. 2, 3. (t) Dan. vii. 18. (u) Pſal. cvii. 9.

LVII.

r the same Spirit to interpret the Scriptures which inspired the ancient SEERS *who wrote them.*

O Thou great FOUNTAIN[v] of all bliss! . 8
From whence unerring wisdom[w] springs, 8
'each me left I should read amiss, . . 8
r wrong interpret sacred things. . . . 8

he Spirit that inspir'd thy seers[x],
Vhen they the holy Scriptures wrote,
nd rais'd[y] their minds above all fears
f kings or mighty men of note.

'o me this blessed Spirit give,
'heir meaning rightly to explain,
'hat I may understand and live,
nd in my heart the truth retain.

here with thy finger[z] write thy law,
hine own eternal law[a] of love;
nd into closest union draw
Iy soul, from thee no more to move.

ully, by pure unsullied light[b],
Iake manifest thy perfect[c] will,
nd help me, Lord, with all my might,
he same for ever to fulfil.

LVIII.

For a right understanding of the Scriptures.

1 INFALLIBLE Lord, ... 5
Explain thy own word, ... 5
hich is in the Scriptures, still left on record. 11

2 For there is enroll'd
Thy wonders[d] of old,—
e law[e] and the gospel, their meaning unfold.

(v) Jer. ii. 13.—Zech. xiii. 1. (w) Prov. ii. 6.—Jam. i. 5.
) 2 Tim. iii. 16.—2 Pet. i. 21. (y) Jer. i. 8, 17.—Dan. iii.
, 17, 18. (z) Exod. xxxi. 18. (a) Jer. xxxi. 33.
) 2 Cor. iv. 6. (c) Rom. xii. 2. (d) Psal. lxxviii. 11.
' John i. 17.

3 While therein I ſeek,
Great God do thou ſpeak[f],
And every ſeal[g] from thy book do thou break.

4 Shine[h] brighter than day,
Chaſe error away,
The truth[i], as in Jeſus, at all times diſplay.

5 That knowledge and peace
May thereby increaſe,
Till wholly from ſin[j] I obtain a releaſe.

6 Make perfect[k] in love,
And then, Lord, remove
My ſoul to the manſions[l] of glory above!

LIX.

To be enlightened and made fruitful.

1 O SUN[m] of righteouſneſs ariſe
With healing virtue in thy wings:
Thy beams illuminate the ſkies,
Earth, and all terreſtrial things;
They warm, and cheer, and fructify,
And richly nature's wants ſupply.

2 Then let the ſacred light appear,
And truth ſhine[n] to the perfect day:
Fruit[o] to thy glory make me bear,
Whate'er befals me in thy way,—
That love[p], and joy, and peace divine,
May flouriſh in this ſoul of mine.

3 When thus adorn'd, preſerve me ſtill,
More like thyſelf I want to grow,
A perfect[q] meaſure to fulfil,
According to my ſtate below;
And when complete[r] in Chriſt I ſtand,
Remove me, Lord, to thy right hand.

(f) Matt. x. 20. (g) Iſa. xxix. 11.—Rev. v. 1, 5. (h) 2 Cor. iv. 6. (i) Eph. iv. 21. (j) Rom. vi. 14. (k) Matt. v. 48.—Col. i. 28. —iv. 12. (l) John xiv. 2, 3. (m) Mal. iv. 2. (n) Prov. iv. 18. (o) John xv. 8. (p) Gal. v. 22. (q) Eph. iv. 13. (r) Col. ii. 10.

LX.

Mind to be Enlightened and made Virtuous.

OU SUN of righteouſneſs[r], . . 6
Vith healing in thy wings, . . . 6
l cauſe thy light[s] to bleſs, . . . 8
ſhew the ſtate of things. . . . 6

my cold frozen heart
ıy bright beams of love;
: never more depart,
n my ſoul remove.

with refining[t] fire,
ıe what's wrong in me;
with virtuous thoughts inſpire,
ith[u] to truſt in thee.

l it be my meat[v]
my Maker's will[w];
: angels round thy ſeat,
ty will fulfil.

all thy will is mine
ıſtant ſong ſhall be[x]
d dominion, Lord, be thine
;h all eternity.

LXI.

For Divine Love.

LY God[y], I aſk of thee, . . . 7
Love the bond of unity; . . . 7
leſs free and unconfin'd . . . 7
foes and all mankind. . . . 7

iv. 2. (s) Pſal. xliii. 3. (t) Mal. iii. 2, 3.
8. (v) John iv. 34. (w) Matt. vi. 10. (x) 1 Pet. iv. 11.
iv. 19.—1 Sam. vi. 20.—Pſal. xcix. 9.—Iſa. xliii. 3.

2 Lend, O lend, a gracious ear,
Let me feel that thou art near[z];
Make the ſtreams of heav'nly love
Flow down freely from above.

3 Throughout life thy grace beſtow—
Make me in thine image[a] grow,
Till in holineſs complete[b]
I'm prepar'd my Judge[c] to meet.

4 Then, in thy own time and way,
Take the veil[d] of fleſh away;
And for ever make me thine,
All immortal[e] and divine.

LXII.

For ſundry Graces to prepare the Soul for the Trial.

1 LORD grant me patience to endure,
While I paſs through the purging[f] fi
Deſtroy whatever is impure,
For thou doſt holineſs[g] require.

2 Be thou my hope[h] for joy and peace,
My rock[i], my fortreſs, and my tow'r,
As is my day, my ſtrength[j] increaſe
To ſtand in ev'ry trying hour.

3 O let the meek[k] and lowly mind
Of Jeſus Chriſt be form'd in me,
That I may always be reſign'd
To bear[l] my croſs and follow thee.

4 Should outward perſecution riſe,—
May I not murmur or complain,
But look by faith above the ſkies,
And run[m] till I the crown obtain.

(z) Iſa. lv. —Jam. iv. 8. (a) Rom. viii. 29. (b) (c) 2 Tim. iv 8. (d) Heb. x. 20. (e) 1 Cor. x (f) Mal. iii. 3.—1 Pet. iv. 12. (g) Heb. xii. 14. (h) Pſal. —Heb. vii. 19. (i) 2 Sam. xxii. 2, 3. (j) 2 Co *(k) Matt. xxi. 5.*—1 Pet. iii. 4. (l) Luke xiv. 27. (m) *24, 25, 26.—Heb.* xii. 1.

5 May all my hopes[n] immortal be,
That I may die in peace, and prove
Salvation only[o] is from thee,
And thou eternally art LOVE[p].

LXIII.

The Chriſtian encouraging his Soul to rely on God.

1 ON God alone my ſoul rely 8
In all thy trials[q] here: 6
His grace ſhall thee with ſtrength ſupply . 8
Therein to perſevere. 6

2 What thou canſt want[r] his goodneſs hath,
Who waits the ſame to give;
And in proportion to thy faith[s]
Thereof thou ſhalt receive.

3 O doubt no more, and thou ſhalt find
The greatneſs of his love:
Shall here enjoy a godlike mind[t],
Then reign[t] with him above.

LXIV.

Reflecting on the Sufferings of Chriſt, and a call to imitate Him.

1 LORD, if thou ſees it good for me, . 8
That I ſhould in this world[u] be try'd, . 8
My trials[v] ſhall ſure bleſſings be, . . 8
For in thy mercy I confide. 8

2 If troubles crowd the heav'nly road,
Why ſhould I murmur or complain?
Chriſt bore[w] my ſins (that heavy load)
With much excruciating pain!

(n) Rom. viii. 24.—Col. i. 27. (o) Iſa. xliii. 11.—Luke i. 69, 77.—Acts iv. 12. (p) 1 John iv. 8, 16. (q) Heb. xi. 36.—Jam. i. 12.—1 Pet. i. 7.—iv. 12. (r) Pſal. xxxiv. 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19. (s) Matt. xv. 28.—xxi. 21, 22. (s) 1 Cor. ii. 16.—Phil. ii. 5. (t) 2 Tim. ii. 12. (u) John xvi. 33. (v) Rom. v. 3, 4, 5.—1 Pet. i. 7. (w) 1 Pet. ii. 24.

3 Yes, Saviour, thou did undertake
To ſave poor guilty ſouls from hell;
And didſt thyſelf an off'ring[x] make,
For me and all mankind who fell.

4 That juſtice[y] might be ſatisfy'd
Thou ſuffer'd on the curſed[z] tree;
There freely for the whole[a] world dy'd,
That from the curſe all[b] might be free!

5 My ſoul, look on thy Saviour ſtill,
Like him when ſuff'ring meekly[c] ſtand:
Thus do, and ſuffer all God's will,
Till plac'd ſecure at his right hand.

6 So ſhalt thou with the ſaints above,
And all the glorified throng,
Sing of the wonders of his love
The new[d] and everlaſting[e] ſong!

LXV.

When in perils among falſe Brethren.

1 I'LL caſt my burden[f] on the Lord, . . 8
Who will my feeble ſoul ſuſtain: . . 8
He gives me comfort* from his word, . . 8
And kindly hears[g] when I complain[h]. . . 8

2 I fear not hypocrites[i]; they're vain,—
Nor all the furious rage of hell;
Though they deride me with diſdain,
And lies againſt me daily tell.

(x) Eph. v. 2.—Heb. x. 10. (y) Rom. iii. 25, 26. (z) Gal. iii. 13. (a) 1 John ii. 2. (b) 1 Tim. ii. 6. (c) Matt. xi. 29.—2 Cor. x. 1. (d) Rev. v. 9. (e) Pſal. cxlvi. 2. (f) Pſal. lv. 22. (g) Pſal. cxlv. 18, 19, (h) Pſal. xlii. 1, --- 7. (i) Matt. vi. 2, 5.—xv. 7, 8, 9.—xxiii. 13, --- 33.—xxiv. 51.

* More than once it has been my lot to be diſagreeably exerciſed with ſuch trials as theſe verſes deſcribe; at which times I have *always been remarkably* comforted in reading over the xxxviith Pſalm: *I therefore particularly* recommend it to the ſerious peruſal of others.

3 Although I am betray'd[j] by thoſe,
Who (*Judas*[k] like) falſe[l] brethren prove;
Tis true they are the worſt of foes,
But God will help[m] me from above.

4 Yet, Lord, my ſoul is vext and try'd
By ſinful falſe pretended friends;
Who do not in the truth abide,
Or pay regard to thy commands.

5 Then undertake[n], for I am weak,
Thou righteous[o] Judge of quick and dead!
No other help but thee I ſeek
To plead[p] my cauſe and ſcreen my head.

6 O let thy grace[q] ſupport me ſtill,
That I my daily croſs[r] may bear,
To do and ſuffer all thy will
Throughout my various trials here.

7 And, Lord, for Jeſu's[ſ] ſake forgive
My foes, who wrong to me would do;
Let them be born[s] again and live
In Chriſt created[t] all anew[u].

LXVI.

For Grace to perſevere when Tempted or Afflicted.

1 LORD, I am thine,—now ſave[v] thy own 8
From ſcornful wicked men who frown, 8
Leſt they my ſoul deſtroy: 6
In fierce temptation's trying hour[w] . . 8
Keep me unhurt by Satan's pow'r[x], . . 8
And give me peace and joy. 6

(j) Mar. xiii. 12. (k) Matt. xxvi. 48, 49. (l) 2 Cor. xi. 26. (m) Iſa. xli. 10. (n) Iſa. xxxviii. 14. (o) Pſ. xcvi. 13.—2 Tim. iv. 1. (p) Iſa. li. 22. (q) 2 Cor. ix. 8. (r) Luke ix. 23. (ſ) John xiv. 13, 14. (s) John iii. 3, 5. (t) Eph. ii. 10. (u) 2 Cor. v. 17. (v) Pſal. vii. 1.—1 Pet. iv. 12 - - - 15. (w) Jam. i. 12. (x) Col. i. 13.

Or, if purg'd in affliction's fire[y],
With plenteous[z] grace my heart inſpire,
That like well-tried[a] gold,
I may the fiery teſt abide,
And in thy name for help confide,
Who cannot be controll'd[b].

3 O ſave me from all other loſs
But ſin's baſe filth[c] and ſordid droſs[d];
From which, Lord, make me pure,
That, like my Saviour, I may ſhow
A life of holineſs below,
And to the end endure[e].

LXVII.

Faith and its effects, accompanied with Prayer.

1 SHOULD multiply'd woes 5
Ariſe from my foes, ... 5
The Lord is ſufficient[f] my mind to compoſe. . 11

2 For while I believe,
No thought can conceive
One half of the favours I from him receive.

3 When tempted I find
My will is reſign'd
To bear it through grace with a peaceable mind.

4 Thus ſav'd, I poſſeſs
What none can expreſs:
This world ſeems as nothing to me, or far leſs.

5 Its charms[g] would but cloy,
And hinder my joy,
Were I on its objects my mind to employ.

6 Lord, ſtill hear my pray'r,
And of me take care[h];
Make all things a bleſſing that might prove a ſnare[i].

(y) Iſa. xlix. 13.——liv. 11, --- 17. (z) Pſal. cxxx. 7.
(a) Zech. xiii. 9. (b) Job ix. 12. (c) Ezek. xxxvi. 25.
(d) Iſa. i. 25.—Mal. iii. 3.—1 John iii. 3. (e) Matt. x. 22.
(f) 2 Cor. iii. 5. (g) 1 John ii. 15, 16, 17. (h) 1 Pet. v. 7.
(i) 1 Tim. vi. 9.

7 Help me to embrace
Thy truth and thy grace,
And conſtantly ſhew me the ſmiles of thy face.

8 Pour down from above[j]
Pure wiſdom and love,
And be thou my portion[k] wherever I move.

LXVIII.

The Chriſtian under reproaches pitying the Wicked, and Praying for them.

1 A FOOL[l] I'm counted for Chriſt's[m] ſake, . 8
A madman† quite unwiſe; . . . 6
And wicked men my life would take, . . 8
Who do thy law deſpiſe. 6

2 My ſerious counſel day by day,
And all my works of love,
(As void of wiſdom) they gainſay,
And laugh when I reprove.

3 But I was once in their ſad ſtate,
Beneath thy curſe and frown,
Till thou did me regenerate,
And with thy favour crown.

(j) Jam. iii. 17. (k) Pſal. lxxiii. 26. (l) 1 Cor. iv. 10. (m) 1 Pet. iv. 14.

† In the book of Iſaiah, lix. 15, that Evangelical Prophet has ſaid, He that departeth from evil, maketh himſelf a prey; or, as ſome tranſlate it, is accounted mad. So it is ſaid of Chriſt, John x. 20. He hath a devil and is mad; and of his Apoſtle Paul, Acts xxvi. 24. Thou art beſides thyſelf,—much learning doth make the mad.—Therefore let every one *(when they, for the ſame cauſe, meet with this accuſation)* not be diſcouraged; our Lord ſaith, Matt. v. 12. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

4 Lord, as on all[n] thy works the ſame,
Thou ſtill thy love doth place;
Give what I aſk[o] in Jeſu's name,
And ſave me by[p] thy grace.

5 Now, gracious God, lay too thy hand!
Take ſin's dark[q] veil away,
That they thy will may underſtand,
And walk in wiſdom's way[r].

6 Cauſe them with me to ſpeak and think,
And of thy goodneſs tell,
Who ſav'd us[ſ], when on ruin's brink,
From falling into[s] hell!

LXIX.

The great uſe of real Religion eminently diſplayed in the time of Trial.

1 IN Chriſt[t], the new[u] and living way, . . 8
With God I walk without diſmay: . . 8
Unwearied of the croſs I bear, . . . 8
Nor do I men or devils fear.[v] . . . 8

2 'Tis true they often foam and rage,
And all their helliſh hoſt engage
To ſhake my confidence in God,
That he may ſmite me with his rod.

3 They uſe deceit[w] with forged[x] lies,
And[y] feigned love to blind my eyes,
Leſt I ſhould by the truth be led,
Or on immortal[z] food be fed.

4 But lo, their art is all in vain,
For God doth keep[a] and me ſuſtain[b]:
He with his flock doth make me feed[c],
And gives me ev'ry thing I need.

(n) Pſal. cxlv. 9, 10. (o) John xv. 16. (p) Eph. ii. 5, 8. (q) Prov. iv. 19.—Acts xxvi. 18.—2 Cor. iii. 14, 15, 16. (r) Prov. iii. 17. (ſ) John iii. 17.—2 Tim. i. 9. (s) Pſal. ix. 17. (t) 2 Cor. v. 17.—Col. ii. 10. (u) Heb. x. 20. (v) 1 Pet. iii. 13, 14. (w) Prov. xii. 20.——Rom. iii. 13. (x) Pſal. cxix. 69. (y) 2 Pet. ii. 3. (z) John vi. 53, --- 58. (a) Pſal. cxxi. 5. (b) Pſal. iii. 5. (c) Ezek. xxxiv. 11, 15.

5 He, like a Shepherd[d], ev'ry hour
Keeps me by his Almighty pow'r
Safe from theſe ev'ning[e] wolves of prey,
Which lurk[f] to take my life away.

6 Therefore to ſuffer[g] I rejoice;
What's his bleſt will[h] is my free choice:
I neither murmur nor repine,
Since heav'n[i] with all its joys are mine.

7 Thou brigheſt[j], faireſt[k], heav'nly Dove[l]!
How glorious[m] are thy works of love?
Of me thy matchleſs wonders claim
My utmoſt ſtrength to ſpread thy fame.

8 Therefore in praiſe my heart and tongue
Shall ſing to thee a joyful ſong,
Who hath redeem'd[n] and made me free[o],
And ſtill art ALL in ALL to me.

LXX.

Devout Breathings for all the mind of Chriſt, and for final Victory.

1 PRESERVE me, Lord, and keep my mind
in peace; 10
Of faith and love grant me a large increaſe: 10
Plant the whole mind[p] of Jeſus Chriſt in me, 10
And make my will ſubordinate to thee. . 10

2 In all temptations may I ſin eſchew[q],
And life eternal[r] with my might purſue;
Regardleſs of hell's force or grievous frown,
Till I obtain from thee a glorious crown[s].

(d) Iſa. xl. 11. (e) Jer. v. 6.—Luke x. 3. (f) Prov. i. 11. (g) 1 Pet iv. 13. (h) Matt. vi. 10.—Rom. xii. 2. (i) Matt. v. 10. (j) Heb. i. 3. (k) Pſal. xlv. 2. (l) Matt. iii. 16. (m) Luke xiii. 17.—2 Cor. iii. 7, --- 11. (n) Gal. iii. 13.—Rev. v. 9. (o) John viii. 32, 36. (p) Phil. ii. 5. (q) 1 Pet. iii. 11. (r) John xvii. 2, 3.—Rom. vi. 23. (s) 1 Cor. ix. 25.—1 Pet. v. 4.

3 Make me to ſay, O death[s], where is thy ſting?
Over the grave of vict'ry alſo ſing;
And thank thy grace and free unbounded love,
Which did the deadly ſting of ſin remove.

4 Then to a world of glorious ſpirits[t] bright,
To dwell with thee in uncreated light[u],
My ſoul ſhall haſte, ſhall joys eternal meet,
And there in ſongs thy wond'rous acts repeat!

LXXI.

For a conſtant renewal of Grace.

1 LORD, in the ſpirit[v] of my mind, . 8
Renew me, that I may 6
Go on and conſtant pleaſure find. . . . 8
In thine appointed way[w]. 6

2 Whatever trials I may meet,
May I be faithful found[x];
And through thy grace my foes defeat,
Which doth my ſoul ſurround.

3 Freſh tokens[y] of thy favour give,
Till thou doſt me remove
From troubles, with thyſelf to live
In endleſs joy above[z].

LXXII.

For Grace to perſevere in the time of Perſecution and Suffering.

1 MOST gracious God[a], my wants ſupply, 8
And feed[b] me leſt I faint and die: . 8
The bread of life[c] do thou impart,— . . 8
Increaſe my ſtrength and cheer my heart. . 8

(s) 1 Cor. xv. 55, 56, 57. (t) Heb. i. 14. (u) Rev. xxii. 5.
(v) Eph. iv. 23. (w) Prov. viii. 32.—xii. 28. (x) Rev. ii. 10.
(y) *Pſal. lxxxvi. 17.* (z) Iſa. xxxv. 10. (a) Jonah iv. 2.
(b) *Iſa. xl. 11.* (c) John vi. 35.

2 O guide[d] my feet with ſteady pace,
That I may perſevere (through grace)
To do and ſuffer all thy will,
And thy pure law[e] of love fulfill.

3 The rage of man let me not fear,
However perſecuted here,
Nor hell whate'er it may deviſe,
For, lo, on thee my ſoul relies[f].

4 In ev'ry ſtate I wiſh to be
Reſign'd, and wholly led[g] by thee;
And now my hopes[h] immortal are,
That thou wilt anſwer to my pray'r.

5 Let bleſſings then my life attend,
And crown[i] me with a glorious end:
So ſhall I die in peace, and prove
That God[j] eternally is love!

LXXIII.

The weak waxing valiant and humbly boaſting in God.

1 THE Lord is my ſupport[k] and guide[l], . 8
Through tribulation and diſtreſs: . 8
At Jeſu's feet I lay my pride, . . . 8
And own my utter helpleſſneſs‡. . . 8

(d) Luke i. 79.—John xvi. 13. (e) Gal. v. 14, (f) 2 Chron. xvi. 8. (g) Rom. viii. 14. (h) Pſal. lxxi. 5. (i) 1 Pet. v. 4. (j) Deut. xxxiii. 27.—1 John iv. 8, 16. (k) Pſ. lv. 22. (l) Pſal. lxxiii. 24.

‡ Although Chriſt, when conſidering himſelf under the ſimilitude of a vine, hath ſaid, John xv. 5. *Without me ye can do nothing*; this only proves that we can effect no part of our ſalvation WITHOUT HIM; yet it is very evident, that except we reſiſt his grace, we always poſſeſs ſome degree of it; and our ſtrength increaſes more or leſs according as we uſe it: For the Apoſtle ſaith, 1 Cor. xii. 7. *The manifeſtation of the Spirit is given to* EVERY MAN TO PROFIT WITHAL; and, Tit. ii. 11. *The grace of God that bringeth ſalvation hath appeared to* ALL MEN, &c.

2 But though I'm weak, yet nought can harm,
So as to diſcompoſe my breaſt:
Hell's declarations can't alarm,
Or violate my peace and reſt.

3 JEHOVAH[m] is my ſtrength, my tow'r[n],
My rock, my fortreſs, and defence[o]:
Secur'd by his Almighty pow'r,
There's none can harm[p] or pluck[q] me thence.

4 In vain are ſnares[r] by Satan laid,
Or plots[s] contrived by unſeen foes;
God round his ſaints an hedge[s] hath made,
That nought with them can interpoſe.

5 Lo, *Iſrael's*[t] God doth never ſleep[u];
Who ſcreens my poor defenceleſs head:
His watchful care my ſoul doth keep,
And ſtrikes mine enemies with dread!

6 He ſmote[v] the huge *Aſſyrian* hoſt,
And brought deſtruction on their king:
Of this great God I'll make my boaſt[w],
And of his love for ever ſing!

LXXIV.

The goodneſs of God.

1 UNHURT, through dreary paths I tread, 8
Where rav'ning[x] wolves and beaſts[y] of prey 8
Themſelves on ev'ry ſide do ſpread,— . 8
And ſtrive to take my life away. . . 8

(m) Iſa. xii. 2.—xxvi. 4. (n) 2 Sam. xxii. 2, 3.—Pſal. xviii. 2. xxxi. 3.—xci. 2.—cxliv. 2. (o) Pſal. lix. 9. (p) 1 Pet. iii. 13. (q) John x. 28, 29. (r) 1 Tim. iii. 7.——2 Tim. ii. 26. (ſ) Pſal. xxxvii. 12. (s) Job i. 10. (t) Jer. xxxi. 1. (u) Pſ. cxxi. 4. (v) 2 Kings xix. 35, 36, 37.—Iſa. xxxvii. 36, 37, 38. (w) Pſ. xxxiv. 2.—xliv. 8. (x) Mat. vii. 15.—Luke x. 3.—Acts xx. 29. (y) 1 Cor. xv. 32.—2 Pet. ii. 12.

2 But, Lord, 'tis by thy unſeen pow'r,
Which doth inviſibly[z] controul,
That they're unable to devour,
Or even to afflict my ſoul.

3 O who thy goodneſs[a] can explain
To me who long abus'd thy grace;
That I ſuch favour[b] ſhould obtain
Through[c] Chriſt, who dy'd[d] for *Adam's* race.

4 O Lord, ſtill help me to go on,
And ev'ry day ſhew forth thy praiſe,
Till all my trials here be done,
For theſe await[e] me all my days.

5 Then after death let me receive
The joy[f] at thy right hand prepar'd;
And with thoſe who did Chriſt believe,
Enter into my full reward.

LXXV.

Faith accompanied with Salvation.

1 JEHOVAH* JAH† is my ſtrong[g] tow'r . 8
And rock[h], where I for refuge hide, . 8
Leſt Satan ſhould my ſoul devour[i], . . 8
Or drown me in the floods[j] of pride. . . 8

2 From hell[k], and all the ſtorms[l] that rage,
However big with wrath and wo,
Thou doſt in my behalf engage,
And thine Almighty pow'r wilt ſhow!

(z) Heb. xi. 27. (a) Pſal. xxxi. 19. (b) Prov. viii. 35.—xii. 2. (c) Rom. v. 1.—vi. 23. (d) Heb ii. 9. (e) John xvi. 33.—Heb. xii. 6, 7, 8. (f) John xiv. 2, 3.—Heb. xii. 2. (g) Prov. xviii. 10. (h) 2 Sam. xxii. 2, 3.—Pſal. xciv. 22. (i) 1 Pet. v. 8. (j) Iſa. lix. 19. (k) Matt. xvi. 18. (l) Pſal. cvii. 29.—Iſa. xxv. 4.—Phil. i. 28, 29.

* The ſelf-ſubſiſting. † The everlaſting.

3 Should all earth's fraud and force combine
My confidence in thee to ſhake:
Theſe cannot harm[m] a child of thine,
Since thou wilt never[n] me forſake.

4 For good[o] thou may permit diſtreſs,
By perſecution, famine, war;
Which for a time may me oppreſs,
But I ere long ſhall leave them far[p].

5 Till then I reſt in earneſt hope
That thou my conſtant guide[q] wilt be:
Meantime, leſt I in darkneſs grope,
Continue, Lord, to ſhine[r] on me.

LXXVI.

Love extended to all the Creation.

1 THEE will I praiſe, thou God[f] of love, . 8
Who mercy[s] hath to all[t] made known: 8
Thoſe angels[u] which fell from above, . 8
Were once the partners of thy throne; . . 8
And might* in that bright ſtate of reſt, . 8
Continued with thy favour bleſt. . . 8

2 At firſt ſo might the human race
Have ſtood in their primeval ſtate[v];
But though they ſinn'd[w] againſt thy grace,
That grace[x] muſt ALL from death tranſlate:

(m) 1 Pet. iii. 13. (n) Heb. xiii. 5, 6. (o) Rom. viii. 28. (p) Rev. xxii. 14. (q) Pſal. lxxiii. 24. (r) Num. vi. 25. (ſ) 1 John iv. 8. (s) Pſal. cxlv. 9. (t) 1 Tim. ii. 6. (u) 2 Pet. ii. 4.—Jude 6. (v) Gen. i. 26,---31. (w) Gen. iii. 6.—Rom. iii. 23. (x) Gen. iii. 15.—xii. 3.—xxii. 18.—xxvi. 4.—xxviii. 14, 15.—Pſal. xxii. 27, 28, 29.—lxv. 2.—c. 5.—ciii. 8, 9.—cxxx 7, 8.—cxlv. 8, 9, 10.—cl. 6.—Iſa. xxv. 6, 7, 8.—lii. 10.—Luke iii. 6.—Acts xiii. 47.—Eph. i. 10.—Phil. ii. 9, 10, 11.—Col. i. 20.—Rev. v. 13.

* Though the Scriptures ſay but little in what manner angels fell, it is certain their fall, as well as the fall of man, was occaſioned by a *voluntary* act of rebellion againſt their Maker; for that which they did could not have been rebellion, or any way ſinful, had they been under any neceſſity to do it. If ſo, it is obvious that both angels *and men, in their* primeval ſtate of innocence, had the ſame power *to ſtand therein,* as to fall from it.

'Tis true, ſome firſt in hell[y] muſt lie,
Thy juſtice there to magnify.

3 Yet Chriſt, the firſt[z] fruits from the dead,
Again the kingdom ſhall reſtore;
Subject alone to God, the HEAD
And FATHER, who for evermore
Will, in the end, be ALL in ALL
To all that did or ere can fall!

4 Lord, may I not ungrateful prove
For preſent favour, nor for paſt;
But, by a kind return of love,
Believe, obey, and hold thee faſt,—
That with thy firſt born[a] I may riſe
To meet[b] my Saviour in the ſkies.

LXXVII.

The Soul excited by Angels, to imitate what is done in Heaven.

1 AWAKE, my ſoul, ariſe and ſing . . 8
Of Chriſt, thy Prophet[c], Prieſt[d], and King[e]! 8
Repeat the wonders[f] of his love, . . 8
Who brought[g] ſalvation from above! . . 8

2 Angels who miniſter[h] his grace,
From ſloth[i] doth rouſe the human race
To uſe the ſtrength which he has giv'n,
Like them who do his will in heav'n.

3 Good angels never did rebel,
But thou for ſin deſerved hell;
And muſt have ſuffer'd there much pain,
Had not the Lamb[j] of God been ſlain!

(y) Pſal. lx. 17. (z) Acts xxvi. 23.—1 Cor. xv. 20,---28.
(a) Heb. xii. 23. (b) 1 Theſ. iv. 16, 17. (c) Luke i. 76.
(d) Heb. ix. 11. (e) Matt. xxi. 5. (f) 1 John iii. 1, 2.
(g) Iſa. lix. 16. (h) Heb. i. 14. (i) 1 Kin. xix. 5,---8.
(j) Gal. iii. 13.—*Rev. v. 9, 12.*

4 He for thy ſins did freely[k] die,
And is thine advocate[l] on high:
Through faith in him, the crown[m] divine,
And everlaſting[n] life is thine!

5 Therefore no more be dull or ſad,
But in the Lord be light and glad;
And always of his love rejoice
In cheerful ſongs with heart and voice.

6 For what to thee can ſorrow bring?
Lo, death hath loſt his mortal[o] ſting;
And hence this fleſh ſhall alſo have
A complete vict'ry o'er the grave!

LXXVIII.

A call to a ſtrict Examination, and the Benefits ariſing therefrom.

1 MY ſoul, ſearch ev'ry part within, . . 8
And ſpare not one beſetting ſin[p]; . 8
Or thou wilt grieve the God[q] of love. . 8
And draw his judgments[r] from above. . 8

2 Throughout thy various trials here,
In word and work be quite ſincere;
And leaſt thou ſhould his grace abuſe,
Pure precepts‡ for direction chuſe.

3 Conſider well what hath been done[s]
For thee, by his eternal Son,—
Who full[s] for ALL, of truth and grace,
Diſplays the ſame[t] in ev'ry place!

(k) Rom. iii. 24.——Gal. i. 4.—ii. 20. (l) 1 John ii. 1. (m) 2 Tim. iv. 8. (n) Luke xviii. 30. (o) 1 Cor. xv. 53, --- 57. (p) Heb. xii. 1. (q) 1 John iv. 8. (r) 1 Pet. iv. 17. (ſ) 1 Pet. iii. 18. (s) John i. 14, 16, 34, 35, 36. (t) Tit. ii. 11.—— Heb. ii. 9.

‡ By carefully reading the cxix. Pſalm, every one may ſee that the Pſalmiſt has had a peculiar delight in obſerving the precepts of his *Maker, more* than any other thing; and ſo has all thoſe that are truly *the children of God.*

4 What though this outward frame decay,
He will his riſing[u] pow'r diſplay;
And thou ſhalt find a large increaſe
Of everlaſting[v] joy and peace.

5 If death the veil of fleſh remove,
It can't annihilate[w] thy love;
But thou ſhalt (ſtript of mortal ſhrouds)
Hail Chriſt when coming[x] in the clouds!

6 Then made immortal[y] and divine,
Thy robes[z] will all tranſplendent ſhine:
Thou with the Lamb ſhall walk in white
In manſions of unſullied light!

7 Thy hand a conqu'ror's palm ſhall bear;
Thy head a crown of glory wear;
And he beyond compare will bleſs
Thee there with endleſs happineſs!

LXXIX.

The Soul excited to aſcend Heavenward, and to beware of Satan's ſuggeſtions.

1 MOUNT, mount, my ſoul, above terreſtrial things, ... 10
Soar far aloft, as upon eagles'[a] wings, . 10
To glorious manſions[b] of eternal light, . 10
And there behold thy Saviour with delight. 10

2 In contemplation all thy faith employ,
And thereby reap immortal peace and joy:
Anticipate the pleaſures[c] of his grace,
Which ever flow from his moſt glorious face!

(u) John v. 28. 29. (v) Iſa. xxxv. 10. (w) Rom. viii. 35, 39.
(x) Matt. xxiv. 30, 31. (y) 1 Cor. xv. 53, 54. (z) Rev. vii. 9, 10.
(a) Iſa. xl. 31. (b) John xiv. 2, 3. (c) Pſal. xvi. 11.

3 Let no ſuggeſtion from the tempter[d] hide
His goodneſs, or ſet heav'nly[e] things aſide,
But walk, like *Enoch*[f], with thy God above,
Till ſwallow'd up in the abyſs of love!

LXXX.

The Soul called upon to exerciſe Faith to ſurvey the wonders of Chriſt's Love; alſo to Watch and Pray.

1 MOUNT[g], my ſoul, by faith[h] to Jeſus; . 8
View his dazzling glory[i] bright: . 7
Join with angels[j] in the chorus, . . 8
Who do praiſe him with delight: . . . 7
For his mercy 4
Give him thanks both day and night. . 7

2 Drawn[k] by Love's divine attraction
To himſelf in ev'ry place,
My glad heart flames with affection[l],
And rejoiceth in his grace[m],
Which appeareth[n]
Unto all the human race.

3 God, to prove his church[o] beloved,
He his own[p] Son did not ſpare:
Chriſt came, and the curſe[q] received;—
View him hang[r], as in the air,
Pierc'd and bleeding,
Yielding up the ghoſt in pray'r!

4 Trace him from the grave aſcended[s]
To the inner[s] court above;
Where, of ſovereign pow'r[t] inveſted,
He ſits[u] on a throne of love[v];
And will ſhortly[w]
Thither all his ſaints remove.

(d) 1 Theſ. iii. 5. (e) Heb. ix. 23. (f) Gen. v. 24. (g) Iſa. xl. 31. (h) Heb. xi. 27. (i) 2 Cor. iii. 7, 11, 18. (j) Rev. v. 11, 12, 13. (k) Jer. xxxi. 3.—John xii. 32. (l) Col. iii. 2. (m) Rom. v. 2. (n) Tit. ii. 11. (o) Eph. v. 25, 26, 27. (p) Rom. viii. 32. (q) Gal. iii. 13. (r) Matt. xxvii. 26, --- 66.—Mark xv. 15, --- 37. —Luke xxiii. 33, --- 46.—John xix. 16, --- 30. (ſ) Eph. iv. 8, 9, 10. (s) Ezek. x. 3. (t) Matt. xxviii. 18. (u) Heb. viii. 1. —xii. 2. (v) John xvii. 24. (w) Rom. ix. 28.

5 Till then, lo, his holy Spirit[x]
Doth, in ev'ry faithful breaſt,
Dwell, and cauſe them to inherit
A perpetual ſtate of reſt[y];
Therefore hearken,
O my ſoul, and be thus bleſt.

6 To his teachings give attention;
Watch againſt ſin with due care:
Shun the way of circumvention;
Still on God act faith[z] in pray'r:
By ſo doing
Thou a crown[a] of life ſhall wear!

LXXXI.

The Soul excited to reverence God, to be careful not to offend him, and to ſteer by Faith towards Heaven.

1 BOW down my ſoul, and evermore . . 8
Revere JEHOVAH's ſacred name: . 8
The high[b] and mighty[c] God whoſe pow'r . 8
Hath thee[d] redeem'd from ſin and ſhame. . 8

2 'Tis he, that in the days[e] of old,
Such wonders[f] for his people wrought;
Who ſuffer'd *Pharaoh* not to hold,
But them ſafe out of *Egypt*[g] brought!

3 He for their ſakes did kings[h] reprove;
Them help whole kingdoms[i] to ſubdue:
He fought[j] their battles from above,
And their inſulting foes o'erthrow[k].

4 Lo, ſtill his love unchang'd[l] remains
The ſame as was in ages paſt;
With truth and juſtice he maintains
Thoſe who on him their care[m] do caſt.

(x) 1 Cor. iii. 16, 17. (y) Matt. xi. 28, 29. (z) Matt. xxi. 22. (a) Rev. ii. 10. (b) Pſal. xcvii. 9. (c) Hab. i. 12. (d) Iſa. xliii. 1. (e) Pſal. lxxvii. 5. (f) Exod. iii. 20.—xiv. 30. (g) Joſh. xxiv. 5, 6, 7, 8. (h) 1 Chron. xvi. 21.—Pſal. cv. 14. (i) Heb. xi. 33. (j) Joſh. x. 14, 40, 42.—2 Chron. xx. 29. (k) Pſal. cxxxvi. 15. (l) Mal. iii. 6. (m) 1 Pet. v. 7.

5 Then, O my ſoul, give earneſt[n] heed,
Leſt from him thou again ſhould ſtray:
For heav'n, let earthly things recede[o],
And at a proper diſtance ſtay.

6 By faith ſteer heav'nward with delight;
The end[p] of all things is at hand;
When with the Lamb[q], dreſt all in white,
Thou in immortal robes ſhall ſtand.

7 Now think what joys will then commence!
None can conceive[r] to what degree
God, in theſe manſions, will diſpenſe
Bleſſings to all eternity!

LXXXII.

The Powers of Body and Mind all offered as a Sacrifice to God; with a Prayer to be made perfect in Love, and to dwell with him for ever.

1 TO God I offer† all my pow'rs . . 8
A willing[f] ſacrifice: 6
My ſtrength, my talents, and my hours, . 8
Which was employ'd in vice. . . 6

(n) Heb. ii. 1. (o) 2 Cor. iv. 18. (p) 1 Pet. iv. 7. (q) Rev. vii. 9. (r) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (f) 1 Chron. xxviii. 9.—2 Cor. viii. 12.

† In the firſt age of the world, Cain and Abel each preſented an offering to the Lord; the offering of Cain was not reſpected, but the Lord had reſpect unto Abel and his offering, Gen. iv. 3, 4, 5. The former, no doubt, was not upright in his intentions, while the latter willingly offered up his heart and the firſtlings of his flock together. For, it is ſaid, Abel offered to God a more excellent ſacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witneſs, that he was righteous, Heb. xi. 4. In the fourth age of the world, the Lord ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, Speak unto the children of Iſrael, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it *willingly with his heart*, ye ſhall take my offering, Exod. xxv. 1, 2. Hence we learn that whatever is offered to God muſt be done willingly with the heart according to the example of Chriſt, who ſaid, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God, Heb. x. 7, 9. *And* though he knew no ſin, yet, to make us and our offerings acceptable *to God, he* gave his life a ranſom for all, 1 Tim. ii. 6. and did *die to put away ſin* by the ſacrifice of himſelf, Heb. ix. 26. Thereby

2 Theſe will I ſpend for thee, O Lord,
In doing thy bleſt will;
But thou to do ſo[s] muſt afford
Grace, and my wants fulfil.

3 Thus bleſs me, then I'll follow thee
In thine appointed way[t],
And never more will idle be,
Thy goodneſs to diſplay.

4 Convince[u] me when I e'er do wrong
In thought, or word, or deed;
And, Lord, inſpire[v] my heart and tongue
More wiſely to proceed.

5 Help me in virtue's path to move,
And therein perſevere,
Until made perfect[w] in thy love
I in thy ſight appear[x].

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(s) John xv. 5.—2 Cor. iii. 5. (t) Luke i. 79. (u) John xvi. 8. (v) Job xxxii. 8. (w) Matt. v. 48.—1 John iv. 16, 17, 18. (x) Col. iii. 4.

he hath aboliſhed death, and brought life and immortality to light through the goſpel, 2 Tim. i. 10. Thus having made himſelf a free-will offering to God we ought as freely to offer up ourſelves according to what he may require of us. At the ſame time we ought to be careful never to offer unto God the ſacrifice of fools; for Nadab and Abihu, the ſons of Aaron, were both devoured with fire before the Lord for offering ſtrange fire upon his altar, Lev. x. 1, 2. and were thereby made viſible examples of his juſt diſpleaſure to all ſucceeding generations. And the hypocriſy of the Phariſees, concerning which the prophet Iſaiah prophefied, Iſa. xxix. 13. is again rehearſed by our Lord as a ſevere reproof for their inſincerity and mock worſhip; ſaying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Many other things of the ſame nature are recorded in Scripture, which are all convincing proofs that God requires truth in the inward parts; for God is a Spirit, and they that worſhip him muſt worſhip him in ſpirit and in truth, John iv. 24. This neceſſary caution will by no means deter thoſe whoſe hearts are right with God from offering themſelves up daily to his ſervice, in the moſt devoted manner that words can expreſs; becauſe their language is, Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth *that I deſire beſides thee*, Pſal. lxxiii. 25.

6 And when complete[y] in ev'ry grace,
O God of purity[z],
Let me unveil'd behold thy face[a]
To all eternity.

LXXXIII.

An Appeal to God, that the Soul delights in him, and is devoted to his ſervice; with a Prayer to be made perfect, and to dwell with him for ever.

1 O Thou moſt[b] high eternal[c] holy[d] One! 10
My ſecret[e] thoughts are known to thee alone: 10
Thou know'ſt my ſoul delights to do thy will, 10
And in all things thy pleaſure[f] to fulfil. 10

2 I gladly now devote my ev'ry hour,
My life, my ſtrength, my mem'ry, will, and pow'r:
I give them all a willing[g] ſacrifice
To thee, O keep me from the love of vice.

3 Should I act wrong in any thing I do,
My error, Lord, do thou in mercy ſhew;
And cauſe the ſacred flame of love[h] to ſhine,—
Thereby reveal to me thy will divine.

4 Deſtroy the laſt remains of inbred ſin;
Make me quite pure[i] and holy[j] all within,
That I thy perfect[k], ſpotleſs bride† may be
Eſpous'd to dwell for evermore with thee.

(y) Col. ii. 10.—iv. 12. (z) Hab. i. 13. (a) 1 Cor. xiii. 12. (b) Pſal. lvi. 2. (c) Deut. xxxiii. 27. (d) Iſa. xliii. 14, 15. (e) Pſal. xliv. 21.—Eccl. xii. 14.—Rom. ii. 16. (f) 2 Theſ. i. 11. ——Rev. iv. 11. (g) Lev. i. 3.——xix. 5.——xxii. 19, 29. (h) Cant. viii. 7.—Iſa. iv. 4. (i) Matt. v. 8. (j) Lev. xix. 2.—1 Pet. i. 15, 16. (k) Eph. iv. 13.—v. 27.—2 Pet. iii. 14.

† The moſt happy union that can poſſibly ſubſiſt between a man and his wife, can but faintly repreſent the happineſs which ariſeth *from the myſtical* union that is betwixt Chriſt and his Church. *See Iſa. liv. 5.*—Rev. xix. 7, 8, 9.

LXXXIV.

Love to the law of God;—the Soul aſcribeth the cauſe to free Grace and Rejoiceth therein.

1 I LOVE thy righteous law, O Lord, . . 8
And gladly would the ſame fulfil[l]: . . 8
For Jeſu's ſake thine aid afford, . . . 8
And ſtrengthen[m] me to do thy will. . . 8

2 In word, or work, nor yet in thought,
Would I at all therefrom decline:
Help me to ſet my[n] will at nought
Always to do and ſuffer thine.

3 For, Lord, 'tis all of thy free[o] grace,
That I do in thy law delight;
Thy Spirit[p] taught me to embrace,
And keep thy ſtatutes day and night.

4 Salvation[q] to thy name belongs,
Which work is far beyond compare!
Therefore, with joy in grateful ſongs,
I will thy matchleſs love[r] declare.

LXXXV.

Pleaſure ariſing from a feeling Senſe of Divine Love.

1 LOVE‡, O how pleaſant is thy voice[ſ], . 8
My God, the ſacred ſound is ſweet; . 8
It makes my heart when ſad rejoice[s], . . 8
And puts the world[t] beneath my feet. . . 8

(l) Gal. v. 14. (m) 2 Tim. iv. 17. (n) Luke xxii. 42. (o) Rom. iii. 24.—1 Cor. ii. 12. (p) Ezek. xi. 19, 20. (q) Iſa. xii. —liii. 10.—Heb. v. 9—Rev. vii. 10. (r) 1 John iii. 1, 2.—Rev. i. 5, 6. (ſ) Cant. ii. 8, - - - 14.—John x. 27. (s) 2 Cor. vi. 10. (t) John xv. 19.

‡ The ſacred writings every where abound with examples of the infinite Love of God to his creatures; and to ſhew that he is not partial to one part of the creation more than to another, we are told God *is no reſpecter of perſons, Acts* x. 34. and that *be* is good unto all and *his tender mercies are over all his works*, Pſal. cxlv. 9. But in order to ſhew

2 Who can withſtand thy powerful charms?
These as the loadſtone ſweetly draws[u]
My raviſh'd ſoul into thine arms[v],
To yield obedience to thy laws.

(u) John vi. 44.—xii. 32. (v) Cant. iv. 9.

a little more plainly the nature and properties of Divine Love I ſhall tranſcribe a few of the excellent ſayings of WILLIAM LAW, an eminent and pious Author, who had a great tortaſte of the riches of eternity. In one of his dialogues he deſcribes *Theophilus* as affectionately addreſſing his ſilent friend *Humanus* thus. "Oh, *Humanus*, Love is "my *Bait*,—you muſt be caught by it,—it will put its hook into your "heart, and force you to know that of all ſtrong things nothing is ſo "ſtrong, ſo irreſiſtible, as Divine Love.

"It brought forth all the Creation, it kindles all the Life of Heaven, "it is the ſong of all the angels of God, it has redeemed all the "world, it ſeeks for every ſinner upon earth, it embraces all the "enemies of God; and from the beginning to the end of time, the "one work of Providence is the one work of Love.

"*Moſes* and the prophets, Chriſt and his apoſtles were all of them "meſſengers of Divine Love: They came to kindle a fire on earth, "and that fire was the Love which burns in heaven. Aſk what God "is? His name is Love; he is the good, the perfection, the peace, "the joy, the glory, and bleſſing of every life. Aſk what Chriſt is? "He is the univerſal remedy of all evil broke forth in nature and "creature; he is the deſtruction of miſery, ſin, darkneſs, death, and "hell; he is the reſurrection and life of all fallen nature; he is the "unwearied compaſſion, the long-ſuffering pity, the never-ceaſing "mercifulneſs of God to every want and infirmity of human nature.

"He is the breathing forth of the heart, life, and ſpirit of God "into all the dead race of *Adam*; he is the ſeeker, the finder, the re-"ſtorer of all that was loſt, and dead to the life of God; he is the "Love, that, from *Cain* to the end of time, prays for all its mur-"derers; the Love that willingly ſuffers and dies among thieves, that "thieves may have a life with him in Paradiſe; the Love that viſits "publicans, harlots, and ſinners, that wants and ſeeks to forgive "where moſt is to be forgiven.

"Oh, my friends, let us ſurround and encompaſs *Humanus* with the "flames of Love, till he cannot make his eſcape from them, but muſt "become a willing victim to their power; for the univerſal God is "univerſal Love; all is Love, but that which is helliſh and earthly. "All religion is the Spirit of Love; all its gifts and graces are the "gifts and graces of Love; it has no breath, no life, but the life "of Love. Nothing exalts, nothing purifies, but the fire of Love; "nothing changes death into life, earth into heaven, but Love alone. "Love breathes the *Spirit* of God; its words and works are the *in-"ſpiration* of God; it ſpeaketh not of itſelf, but the *Word*; the eter-"*nal Word* of God ſpeaketh in it, for all that Love ſpeaketh, that "*God ſpeaketh*, becauſe Love is God. Love is heaven revealed in "*the ſoul*; *it is* light and truth; it is infallible; it has no errors, "*for all errors* are the want of Love. Love has no more of pride than

3 O make me faithful to return
A living[w] ſacrifice of praiſe,
That as a lamp[x] I bright may burn,
And glorify[y] thee all my days.

4 Then let me hear thee ſay—Well done[z];
Come enter into endleſs reſt
And be the partner[a] of my throne,
For ever with my preſence bleſt.

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(w) Rom. xii. 1. (x) Iſa. lxii. 1. (y) 1 Cor. vi. 20.
(z) Matt. xxv. 21, 23. (a) Rev. iii. 21.

" light has of darkneſs; it ſtands and bears all its fruits from a depth " and root of humility. Love is of no ſect or party; it neither makes " nor admits of any bounds; you may as eaſily incloſe the light, or " ſhut up the air of the world into one place, as confine Love to a ſect " or party; it lives in the *liberty*, the *univerſality*, the *impartiality* of " heaven; it believes in one Holy Catholic God, the God of all " ſpirits; it unites and joins with the Catholic Spirit of the one God, " who unites with all that is good; and is meek, patient, well-wiſh- " ing and long-ſuffering over all the evil that is in nature and crea- " ture. Love, like the Spirit of God, rideth upon the wings of the " wind, and is in union and communion with the Saints that are in " Heaven and on Earth. Love is quite pure; it has no bye-ends; " it ſeeks not its own; it has but *one will*, and that is, to give itſelf " into every thing, and overcome all evil with good. Laſtly, Love is " the *Chriſt* of God; it cometh down from heaven; it regeneratеth " the ſoul from above; it blotteth out all tranſgreſſions; it taketh " from death its ſting, from the devil his power, and from the ſerpent " his poiſon; it healeth all the infirmities of our earthly birth; it " gives eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf, and makes the dumb to " ſpeak; it cleanſes the lepers and caſts out devils, and puts man into " Paradiſe before he dies; it liveth wholly to the will of him, of whom " it is born; its meat and drink is, to do the will of God; it is the re- " ſurrection and life of every divine virtue, a fruitful mother of true " humility, boundleſs benevolence, unwearied patience, and bowels of " compaſſion. This *Ruſticus* is the Chriſt, the Salvation, the Religion " of Divine Love, the true Church of God, where the life of God is " found and lived, and to whom your friend *Humanus* is called by us. " We direct him to nothing but the inward life of Chriſt, to the " working of the Holy Spirit of God, which alone can deliver him " from the evil that is in his own nature, and give him a power to " become a Son of God."——*Second Part of the Spirit of Prayer, page* 127, &c.

LXXXVI.

Sweet overflowings of Divine Love in the Soul while aſpiring Heavenward.

1 HAIL[b], Jeſus, lover[c] of my ſoul, . . 8
I in thy tabernacle[d] reſt: . . . 8
Thy love like *Jordan's*[e] ſtreams doth roll, . 8
And ſweetly overflow my breaſt! . . . 8
O let this current ever flow, . . . 8
That I thereby may live and grow[f]. . . 8

2 Lord, leſt again with baſe deſire[g]
I e'er ſhould feel my heart to ſwell,
Extinguiſh all unhallow'd fire[h],
And ev'ry impure thought[i] expel,
That I victorious[j] over death
May triumph[k] with my lateſt breath.

3 When thus I'm found, O God, remove
Me far beyond the reach of ill,
To everlaſting[l] joy above,
And me with all thy fulneſs[m] fill,—
Till that bleſt day in faith I wait
Aſſur'd[n] of that thrice happy ſtate.

LXXXVII.

On Worldly Pleaſure, Redeeming Love, and the Chriſtian's Deſire after God.

1 HOW ſmall do worldly[o] pleaſures ſeem . 8
To thoſe[p] at God's right hand above? . 8
Nothing is worthy[q] of eſteem . . . 8
Compared with redeeming love! . . . 8
O thou who ſhed thy blood for me[r] . . 8
My heart loves to commune with thee. . 8

(b) Luke i. 28. (c) Eph. v. 2. (d) Pſal. lxi. 4.—Heb. viii. 2. (e) Joſh. iii. 15. (f) Eph. iv. 15.—1 Pet. ii. 2.—2 Pet. iii. 18. (g) Eph. ii. 3. (h) Jam. iii. 5, 6. (i) Pſal. cxxxix. 23.—Prov. xxiv. 9.—Rom. xii. 3. (j) Iſa. xxv. 8. (k) Pſal. xlvii. 1.—2 Cor. ii. 14.—2 Tim. iv. 6, 7, 8. (l) Iſa. xxxv. 10.—li. 11. (m) *Eph. iii. 19.*—iv. 13. (n) Heb. x. 22, 23.—2 Tim. ii. 19.—*Rev. xxii. 20.* (o) 1 John ii. 15, 16, 17. (p) Pſal. xvi. 11. (q) *Pſal. lxxxix. 6.*—Rom. viii. 18. (r) Gal. iii. 13.—Heb. ii. 9.

2 In heavenly[r] places let us ſit,
There ſweetly talk of things divine;
To hear[s] inſtructions make me fit,
And cauſe my path[t] with light to ſhine,
That unto others[u] I may ſhow
A life of holineſs below.

3 Thou know'ſt I ardently deſire
To preſs on in the good[v] old way
As *Enoch*[w] did (that ancient Sire)
Who walk'd with God from day to day,
Till, like him, fully fraught with grace,
I do unveil'd[x] behold thy face.

4 Come, holy Spirit[y], while I wait,
Come, and in anſwer[z] to my pray'r,
For an eternal happy ſtate,
With grace[a] do thou my heart prepare;
And after all thy mind[b] is giv'n,
Convey me ſafe from earth to heav'n.

LXXXVIII.

The Chriſtian's Repoſitory.

1 TO my immortal§ ſoul[c] which bears . . 8
The image[d] of Omnipotence, . . 8
This world, as vanity[e] appears . . . 8
Too baſe and mean to pleaſe its ſenſe. . . 8

(r) Eph. ii. 6.—1 John i. 3. (s) Acts iii. 22.—Phil. iv. 11, 12, 13. (t) Prov. iv. 18. (u) Matt. v. 16. (v) Jer. vi. 16. (w) Gen. v. 22, 24.—Heb. xi. 5. (x) 2 Cor. iii. 13, 18. (y) Luke xi. 13. (z) Iſa. lviii. 9.—lxv. 24.—Matt. vii. 7, 8. (a) Heb. xii. 28. (b) 1 Cor. ii. 16.—Phil. ii. 5. (c) Gen. ii. 7. (d) Gen. i. 27. (e) Eccl. i. 2, 14.

§ The immortality of the ſoul cannot be proved if there be no reſurrection of the dead; conſequently, to know this as we ought, is one of the moſt important articles of the Goſpel: *For if the dead riſe not at all*, then all our efforts to future happineſs are in vain; and our greateſt wiſdom would be *to ſay, Soul, take thine eaſe, eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we die. But* ſince much depends upon our knowing

2 I earthly things but uſe[f] and love,
As they ſet[g] God before my eyes;
For all my wealth is hid[h] above,
With Chriſt my hidden[i] treaſure lies.

(f) 1 Cor. vii. 31. (g) Pſal. xvi. 8. (h) Col. iii. 3, 4.
(i) Matt. vi. 19, 20, 21.—Luke xii. 33, 34.

whether the ſoul is immortal or not, it is our duty to gain the beſt information we can. It is no way eſſential for us to know who firſt denied the reſurrection of the dead; but this wicked hereſy appears to have been very much taught by *Sadoc* and his diſciples, (who were called *Sadducees*) above 200 years before the coming of Chriſt. Whether they denied the immortality of the ſoul, becauſe the word IMMORTAL is not in the Old Teſtament, or for other reaſons, is hard to determine; however, the New Teſtament fully and repeatedly clears up this matter; and in the beginning of it, John the Baptiſt ſeverely reproves the believers of this falſe deteſtable doctrine, Matt. iii. 7, &c. And Jeſus himſelf, (whom they tempted by deſiring that he would ſhew them a ſign from heaven) quite unmaſked their hypocriſy, called them *a wicked and adulterous generation*, and has cautioned others *to beware of their doctrine*, Matt. xvi. 1—12. He alſo, to make us ſure of a reſurrection, proved himſelf to be the SON of GOD;—and the FATHER hath confirmed it by a voice from heaven, ſaying, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleaſed; hear him*, Mark i. 11.—ix. 7. In obedience to this command let us then attend to his doctrine, who in the moſt poſitive manner hath ſaid, *Verily, verily, I ſay unto you the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead ſhall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear ſhall live. For as the Father hath life in himſelf, ſo hath he given to the Son to have life in himſelf; and hath given him authority to execute judgment alſo, becauſe he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves ſhall hear his voice, and ſhall come forth; they that have done good unto the* RESURRECTION *of life; and they that have done evil, unto the* RESURRECTION *of damnation*, John v. 25---29. And to *Martha* he ſaid, *I am the reſurrection and the life*, which he inſtantly proved by raiſing her brother *Lazarus* from the grave, and preſenting him alive again after he had been dead four days. See John xi. Beſides this, with many other miracles that he wrought, and all the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth, he ſtill hath given us a more infallible proof by his own death and reſurrection; for thereby *he hath aboliſhed death and brought* LIFE *and* IMMORTALITY *to light through the Goſpel*, 2 Tim. i. 10. But to treat this ſubject minutely would far exceed the narrow limits of a marginal note; I therefore recommend the reader carefully to peruſe the follow Chapters, *viz.*:—Matt. xxii. xxvii. xxviii.—Mark xii. xvi.—Luke xiv. xx. xxiv.—John v. xi. xx. xxi.—Acts i. ii. iii. iv. v. vii. ix. x. xiii. xvii. xx xxiii. xxiv. xxvi.—Rom. i. vi. xiv.—1 Cor. xv.—Phil. iii.—2 Tim. ii —Heb. vi. vii. viii. ix. x. xi. xii.—1 Pet. i. iii.—Rev. xx. xxi *xxii.*

3 'Tis hid in bags which wax not old,
Where moth and ruſt cannot corrupt;
Nor thieves break through (however bold)
To ſteal, or it to interrupt.

4 Its lodg'd in heaven quite ſecure;
My heart likewiſe is with it there,
Where all is permanent and pure,
And where no evil[j] can appear.

5 Hence through eternity[k] in peace
I there true[l] riches ſhall poſſeſs;
For love[m] will grow and joy increaſe
To all the heights of happineſs!

LXXXIX.

Sure knowledge of Sanctification: Prayer for ſtrength and eſtabliſhment; accompanied with Faith in the promiſe.

1 O LORD, thou art my righteouſneſs[n] divine; 10
Chriſt[o] hath redeem'd, and thereby made
me thine: 10
Hath of my pardon full[p] aſſurance giv'n, . 10
Written[q] my name, and ſeal'd my peace in heav'n. 10

2 His cleanſing[r] blood already is apply'd,
And now I feel my ſoul is ſanctified[s];
But, Lord, ſtill ſtrengthen[s] and eſtabliſh me
With grace, that nought may move[t] my heart
from thee.

3 Give me the greateſt heights[u] and depths to prove
Of thy ſupreme, unmeaſurable love:
I aſk[v] in faith, the promiſe is my own[w],
Thyſelf, thy kingdom, and thy glorious crown!

(j) Rev. xxi. 27. (k) 1 John ii. 25. (l) Luke xvi. 11.—Col. ii. 2. (m) Eph. iii. 16, - - - 19. (n) Jer. xxiii. 6. (o) Gal. iii. 13. (p) Iſa. xxxii. 17.—Rom. viii. 14, - - - 17. (q) Heb. xii. 23.—Rev. ii. 17. (r) 1 John i. 7. (ſ) John xvii. 15, - - - 26.—1 Cor. vi. 11.—2 *Tim. ii.* 21. (s) 1 Pet. v. 10. (t) Col. i. 23. *(u) Eph. iii. 18, 19.* (v) Matt xi. x. 22. (w) 1 Cor. iii. 21, 22, 23.

XC.

The Chriſtian's Declaration of his experimental knowledge of God.

1 MY God, thy praiſe ſhall be my ſong, . 8
For love[x] inſpires my heart and tongue; 8
Accompany'd with joy and peace, . . . 8
And thereby draws my mind away, . . . 8
To dwell where war[y] ſhall wholly ceaſe, . . 8
And pleaſures[z] never know decay. 8

2 For theſe I leave the things[a] behind,
Which once from thee ſeduc'd[b] my mind;
They but appear like dung[c] and droſs[d]
Compar'd to what I ſee above:
I count the greateſt gain[e] all loſs
If it withdraws from me thy love.

3 Thou art my way[f], my truth, my life,
My peace[g], when in the midſt of ſtrife:
My hiding[h] place, my rock[i], my tow'r[j],
My ſafeguard[k] through this wilderneſs;
My keeper[l] in the trying hour,
My hope[m], my help[n] when in diſtreſs.

4 Thou art my wiſdom[o] and my might[p],
My health[q], my ſtrength[r], my whole delight[s];
My king[s], my prieſt[t], my prophet[u], guide[w],
My home[w], my houſe[x], my righteouſneſs[y];
My only refuge[z] againſt pride,
My cov'ring[a], and my ſpotleſs dreſs[b].

(x) 2 Cor. v. 14.—Gal. v. 22.—1 John iv. 19. (y) Iſa. ii. 4.—Mic. iv. 3. (z) Pſal. xvi. 11. (a) Eph. v. 6. (b) Ezek. xiii. 10.—1 Tim. iv. 1. (c) Phil. iii. 8. (d) Iſa. i. 25. (e) Matt. xvi. 26.—Mark viii. 36.—Luke ix. 25. (f) John xiv. 6. (g) Eph. ii. 13, 14. (h) Pſal. xxxii. 7.—Iſa. xxxii. 2. (i) 1 Cor. x. 4. (j) Prov. xviii. 10. (k) Prov. xxix. 25. (l) Pſal. cxxi. 5. (m) Pſal. lxxi. 5. (n) Heb. xiii. 6. (o) 1 Cor. i. 30. (p) Iſa. xl. 29.—Eph. vi. 10. (q) Pſal. xlii. 11.—Iſa. lviii. 8. (r) Pſal. xviii. 1, 2. (ſ) Iſa. lviii. 14. (s) Pſal. lxxiv. 12.—1 Tim. vi. 14, 15, 16. (t) Heb. iv. 14. (u) Luke xxiv. 19.—Acts iii. 22. (v) Iſa. lviii. 11. (w) 2 Cor. v. 6, 8. (x) 2 Cor. v. 1. (y) Jer. xxiii. 6.—Phil. iii. 9. (z) Deut. xxxiii. 27.—Pſal. xxxvi. 10, 11. (a) Pſal. lxxxv. 2.—Iſa. xxx. 1.—xxxii. 2. (b) Eph. v. 27.—1 Pet. v. 5.—1 Pet. iii. 14.

5 Thou art my brighteſt morning[c] ſtar,
My ſun[d], my ſhield[e] in time of war;
My counſellor[f], my captain[g], friend[h],
My ranſom[i], who bought[j] me with blood,
My Saviour[k], on whom I depend,
My well-ſpring[l], and my living[m] food.

6 Whatever to thy church[n] thou art,
By faith[o] I claim the ſame in part:
Thyſelf with all[p] thou haſt is mine,
And thou wilt me to heav'n tranſlate,
For I eternally[q] am thine,
Heir[r] and joint-heir to thy eſtate!

XCI.

Holy Exultation.

1 DAILY from the ſource of good[r], . . 7
God, in whom I now believe; . . 7
Through Chriſt's[s] efficacious blood, . . 7
Life[t] from him I do receive: . . . 7
Hence, while thus my ſoul is bleſt, . . 7
What can violate[u] my reſt? 7

2 When I ſuffer for his name,
Grace[v], my Saviour, doth impart:
Love[w], his own eſſential flame,
Spreads itſelf through all my heart,
And directs me how to move
To Jeruſalem[x] above.

(c) Rev. ii. 28.—xxii. 16. (d) Mal. iv. 2.—Rev. xxi. 23. (e) Pſal. lxxxiv. 11. (f) Iſa. ix. 6. (g) Heb. ii. 10. (h) Prov. xviii. 24. (i) Matt. xx. 28.—1 Tim. ii. 5, 6. (j) 1 Cor. vi. 20.—vii. 23. (k) Iſa. xliii. 11.—Luke ii. 11. (l) Prov. xvi. 22.—xviii. 4. (m) John vi. 27, - - - 58. (n) Eph. i. 22, 23. (o) Matt. xxi. 22. (p) Rom. viii. 32.—1 Cor. iii. 22, 23. (q) Matt. xxv. 46. (r) Rom. viii. 17. (ſ) Jam. i. 17. (s) 1 John i. 7.—Rev. v. 9. (t) Col. iii. 3, 4. (u) 1 Pet. iii. 13, 14. (v) Eph. iv. 7. (w) 1 John iv. 7, - - - 21. (x) Gal. iv. 26.

3 While its riches[y] I explore
My exulting ſoul expands!
And, as upon wings[z], doth ſoar
To yon blood-beſprinkled bands[a]:
Who will kings[b] and prieſts remain
When the monſter death[c] is ſlain!

XCII.

Faith relying on the promiſe in the time of Affliction.

1 WHAT are my light[d] afflictions here,
Or momentary grief and pain,
Compar'd to glory which is near?
To that vaſt weight of ſolid gain,
Which is prepar'd[e] for ev'ry one
Who loves the Lord and him alone.

2 I in *Mount Zion*[f] ſoon ſhall be,
Where God will wipe[g] away my tears:
There Chriſt in glorious grandeur ſee[h],
When all this world[i] on fire appears!
Secure from harm[j], I then ſhall prove
His pow'r[k] and everlaſting love[l].

3 Welcome eternity[m]! how ſweet
And pleaſant are my thoughts of thee?
O how I long thy joys[n] to meet,—
And they are all made ſure[o] to me;
For on the promiſe[p] I rely
Of God who cannot change[q] or lie[r]!

(y) Rev. xxi.—xxii. 1, - - - 6. (z) Iſa. xl. 31. (a) Heb. xi 22, 23, 24. (b) Rev. i. 5, 6. (c) 1 Cor. xv. 26. (d) 2 Cor. i 17. (e) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (f) Rev. xiv. 1. (g) Iſa. xxv. (h) Matt. xxiv. 30. (i) 2 Pet. iii. 10, 11, 12. (j) 1 Pet. iii. 1 (k) Matt. xxviii. 18. (l) Jer. xxxi. 3. (m) Iſa. lvii. 1 (n) Iſa. xxxv. 10. (o) 2 Tim. ii. 19. (p) 1 John ii. 2 (q) Mal. iii. 6. (r) Tit. i. 2.—Heb. vi. 18.

XCIII.

Faith beholding invisible Realities.

1 LOOK forth, my soul, beyond the grave . 8
To what God hath prepar'd[f] above: . 8
A kind release[s] thou soon must have . . 8
And feast on everlasting[t] love. . . . 8

2 This mortal frame[u], like brittle clay,
Will moulder fast and crumble down;
Then thy glad wings shall tow'r away,
And sieze yon never-fading[v] crown.

3 O what do I by[w] faith behold!——
The promis'd[x] city draweth near,
That's built of jasper and pure gold,—
And Christ, my loving Saviour there!

4 The brightness of his smiling face
Doth far surpass the sun for light,
And shews the glory of that place
Of harmony and sweet delight.

5 Thither my happy soul shall fly,
And prostrate bow before the throne;
There holy[y], holy, holy cry,
All thanks and praise to God alone!

XCIV.

Holy Aspirations after Celestial Blessings.

1 MY soul breaks forth with strong desire . 8
To join the bright celestial choir: . 8
When shall I leave this clay[z] to find . . 8
The crown[a] of life for me design'd? . . 8

(f) John xiv. 2, 3. (s) 1 Cor. xv. 53, 54. (t) Jer. xxxi. 3. (u) Psal. ciii. 14, 15, 16. (v) 1 Pet. v. 4. (w) Rom. i. 17. (x) Rev. xxi. 2, --- 27.—xxii. 1, 14. (y) Rev. iv. 8. (z) Job x. 9. —xxxiii. 6. (a) Rev. ii. 10.

2 To thee, my God, reſign'd I wait
Till fit for an immortal[b] ſtate:
When fit, let me not ſtay, but ſhare
The manſions[c] Chriſt went to prepare.

3 Lo, there fulneſs[d] of joy is found,
And ev'ry bleſſing doth abound:
With winged hope[e] I thither fly,
Till hope ſhall in fruition die.

XCV.

Pleaſing Proſpects beyond the Grave.

1 GREAT[f] God, how ſhall I ſtand and gaze
When thy dread voice[g] the dead ſhall raiſe
And I my grave in triumph leave
A crown[h] of glory to receive?
All the ranſom'd[i] I ſhall view,
Jeſus thronging,
And adoring,
In glad ſongs for ever new!

2 There angels[j] and archangels join
With all thy ſaints, who do combine
To laud[k] and magnify[l] thy name,
And echo my Redeemer's[m] fame!
I ſhall join this holy ſtrife,
Praiſing Jeſus,
Who to ſave us,
For our ranſom[n] gave his life!

3 My ſoul exults the crown to wear,
And in thy preſence[o] to appear:
Lord, haſten that thrice happy day,
Or grant me patience[p] here to ſtay,

(b) Rom. ii. 7. (c) John xiv. 2. (d) Pſal. xvi. 11. (e) Rom 2. (f) Tit. ii. 13. (g) John v. 25, 28, 29. (h) 1 Pet. v (i) Iſa. xxxv. 10. (j) Rev. v. 9, - - - 13. (k) Rom. xv. (l) Pſal. xxxiv. 3. (m) Pſal. xix. 14. (n) 1 Tim. ii. (o) 1 Chron. xvi. 27.—Col. iii. 4. (p) Heb. x. 36.

All thy righteous will to do;
Then in Zion's[q]
Happy regions
Never-ending[r] wonders[s] shew.

4 The thoughts of such amazing joy[s],
And pleasures[t] that can never cloy,
Transport my ravish'd heart away,
Which longs and pants to see the day:
Come, Lord Jesus[u], quickly come[v];
O my[w] Saviour,
Grant this favour,
Take me to my Father's[x] home.

XCVI.

A longing desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ.

1 I Long before the God[y] of gods . . 8
In Zion[z] to appear, ... 6
Who hath redeemed[a] sinful clods . . 8
From sin and servile fear. 6

2 When shall my longing soul depart,
And leave this house[b] of clay?
To be with[c] Christ, no more to part[d],
Where pleasure can't decay!

3 Lord, fully fraught my soul with love[e],
And let a convoy come,
Of glorious angels[f] from above,
To guard thy servant home.

4 I wait with joy the wish'd-for-hour,
Nor murmur at thy stay;
For lo, I rest on thee for pow'r[g]
'Gainst sin to watch and pray.

(q) Rev. xiv. 1. (r) Luke i. 33. (s) Job ix. 10. (s) Isa. xxxv. 10. (t) Psal. xvi. 11. (u) Acts vii. 59. (v) Rev. xxii. 12, 17, 20. (w) 1 Tim. iv. 10. (x) John xx. 17. (y) Psal. cxxxvi. 2.—Dan. ii. 47. (z) Psal. lxxxiv. 7.—Rev. xiv. 1. (a) Eph. i. 7. (b) Job iv. 19. (c) Phil. i. 23. (d) Rom. viii. 35, 38, 39. (e) Jude 21. (f) Luke xvi. 22. (g) John xv. 5.

5 O make me faithful to that grace[h],
  Which is through Jeſus giv'n,
That I may run[i] with even pace
  Through loſs and gain to heav'n.

XCVII.

Holy Contemplation, Prayer, and Faith in the Promiſe.

1 WHEN ſhall I hear the trumpet[j] found, 8
  Ye dead in Chriſt, ariſe? . . 6
Or ſee the Judge, with glory crown'd, . 8
  Deſcending from the ſkies! 6

2 O Lord, how glorious[k] muſt the ſight
  Of thine appearing be?
How full of comfort and delight
  To all eternity[l]!

3 With joy my ſoul would leave this clay[m],
  If I might ſhare thy throne[n];
Yet I'm reſign'd a while to ſtay,
  Till I thy will[o] have done.

4 Then let me hear thy ſacred voice
  Proclaiming my releaſe;
And make me with thy ſaints rejoice[p],
  Where praiſe ſhall never ceaſe.

5 With Cherubims[q], and Seraphims[r],
  And all the hoſt[f] on high;
Then I'll unite in endleſs hymns,
  Thy name to magnify.

6 There, when the great Millennium's‡ paſt,
  Unutterable[s] joy
Shall ſtill increaſe and always laſt,
  Which nothing can deſtroy!

(h) Rom. v. 1, 2. (i) Heb. xii. 1, 2, 3. (j) 1 Cor. xv. 52. —1 Theſ. iv. 16. (k) Tit. ii. 13. (l) Rev. xxi. 3, 4, 5. (m) Job xxxiii. 6. (n) Rev. iii. 21. (o) Col. iv. 12. (p) Rev. xix. 7, 8. (q) Ezek. x. 1, - - - 22. (r) Iſa. vi. 2, 6. (f) Luke ii. 13. (s) 1 Cor. ii. 9.—2 Cor. xii. 4.

‡ "The Millennium, or Chriſt's reign on this earth before its "*diſſolution, is five* times expreſsly limited to a thouſand years in "*Rev. xx. during* which time Satan is to be bound and confined in

7 O how this ſoul-tranſporting thought
Already ſwells my breaſt?
Hence I ſet all things elſe at nought,
And on thy promiſe[t] reſt.

XCVIII.

A ſurvey of Divine Wiſdom and Love, with Hope ariſing therefrom.

1 O GOD, I view with ſweet delight, . 8
How all things by thy wiſdom move[u]; 8
And keep their order[v] day and night, . . 8
In earth below and heav'n above! . . 8

2 From theſe I learn it is thy will
That I my Maker ſhould obey,
And always thy commands fulfil
With conſtancy from day to day.

(t) 1 John ii. 25. (u) Acts xvii. 28. (v) Gen. viii. 22.—Pſal. xix. 1, 2, 3.—cxxxvi. 5, - - - 9.—Prov. vi. 6.—xxx. 25, - - - 28.—Matt. vi. 26, - - - 30.

"the abyſs:—Theſe expreſs years he ſhall deceive the nations no more. "The Martyrs and Saints of eminence ſhall be raiſed, live, and reign "with Chriſt a thouſand years. The ſame number of years ſhall paſs "between the firſt and ſecond reſurrection. After theſe years ſhall "Satan be looſed a little ſeaſon, and ſhall deceive the nations, which "are in the four quarters of the earth, &c.; but in the new earth the "ſervants of God *ſhall reign to the ages of ages*, Rev. xxii. 5.—It ap-"pears plain that the new earth is ſo far from being cotemporary with "with the Millennium, that it cannot take place till after the con-"flagration; which is an event that St. Peter conſidered as certain, "but did not, as many now do, reſt in a gloomy part of the ſcene, "but looked forward with glorious expectation to that period when "the earth and the heavens, according to the promiſe of God, "ſhall be renewed and made a fit habitation for righteouſneſs, or "righteous perſons. See 2 Pet. iii. 10, 13.—The earth and heavens "ſhall paſs away and be diſſolved after the Millennium; ſhall wax "old like a garment; ſhall be burnt up, &c.—but the new heavens "and the new earth, which God ſhall create, ſhall remain before him "as long as man ſhall exiſt. See Pſal. cii. 25, 26.—Heb. i. 10, 11, 12.—2 Pet. iii. 7, 10, 11, 12.—Rev. xx. 11.—xxi. 1.—Iſa. lxvi. 22."
Letter to the Rev. C. E. DE COETLOGON, A. M. by the Author of Dialogues on the Univerſal Reſtoration.

3 They make me call to mind what care[w]
Thy goodneſs hath beſtow'd on me,
By making me thy child and heir[x],
Though long I ſinned againſt thee.

4 Hereby I'm alſo taught to know,
That thy unalterable love[y],
Will me ſecure from future wo[z],
And I ſhall reign[a] with thee above.

5 In glorious hope[b] I therefore wait,
Obedient to thy gracious word;
For all who die[c] in this bleſt ſtate
Will be for ever with the Lord[d]!

XCIX.

Love to God, and Prayer for Perſevering Grace.

1 GREAT God[e], to whom all[f] things are known! 8s
My love is plac'd on thee alone, . 8
Which holy flame I can't conceal; . . 8
And that in ſetting forth thy praiſe . . 8
I wiſh to ſpend my lateſt days, . . . 8
Like *Simon*[g] herein I appeal. . . . 8.

2 Stay with thy waiting ſervant, Lord,
And ſtrength to perſevere[h] afford,
That I may in thy way[i] remain
Conform'd to all thy law[j] divine,—
Till I my ſpirit[k] do reſign
By death into thy hands again.

3 I long to hear my Saviour ſay,
Well done[l], good ſervant, come away!
Meantime I in aſſurance[m] reſt,
The promis'd kingdom[n] ſoon to ſee,
Where all that's gone before will be,
And we for ever ſhall be bleſt.

(w) Luke xii. 7.—1 Pet. v. 7. (x) Matt. v. 45.—Rom. viii. 14, - - - 17. (y) Jer. xxxi. 3. (z) Prov. xii. 21. (a) 2 Tim. ii. 12. (b) Rom. v. 2. (c) Rev. xiv. 13. (d) 1 Theſ. iv. 17. (e) Tit. ii. 13. (f) Eccl. xii. 14. (g) John xxi. 15, - - - 17. (h) Eph. 6, 18. (i) Pſal. xxvii. 11. (j) Matt. xxii. 35, - - - 40. (k) Acts vii. 59. (l) Matt. xxv. 21. (m) Iſa. xxxii. 17.—Heb. vi. 11.—x. 22. (n) Luke xiii. 28, 29.—Heb. xi. 10.—*Rev. xii. 10.*

C.

Joy arising from a ſenſe of the Love of GOD, *while looking for the Reſtoration of all Intelligences.*

1 I WILL give thanks, and praiſe the Lord . 8
For what his love hath done; . . . 6
That ALL[o] from ſin might be reſtor'd . . 8
He gave[p] his ONLY SON*! 6
The Son, to do his creatures good, . . . 8
Did freely ſhed[q] his precious blood! . . 8

2 He alſo hath his Spirit[r] giv'n,
The truth to manifeſt,
Which here reveals the joy[ſ] of heav'n
In ev'ry faithful breaſt;
And ſince in part of this I ſhare,
Now I thy goodneſs will declare[s].

(o) 1 Tim. ii. 6.—Heb. x. 10. (p) John iii. 16. (q) Mark xiv. 24.—John xix. 34.—1 Pet. i. 19. (r) Gal. iv. 6. (ſ) Rom. xiv. 17.—xv. 13.—Gal. v. 22. (s) Pſal. lxvi. 16.

* From a full conviction that the Holy Scriptures are true, and that they are the moſt infallible *outward* rule that we can have to go by, I rely wholly on the Spirit of Truth, which is infallible altogether; believing that he will guide me into *all truth*, John xvi. 13. Hence I chuſe to confine myſelf as much as poſſible to the letter *given by inſpiration of God*, 2 Tim. iii. 16. rather than to the *words which man's wiſdom teacheth*, 1 Cor. ii. 13. or the ramblings of a wild imagination. Yet I am under the neceſſity of making a few exceptions, becauſe I believe we have ſome words in the Scriptures which are tranſlated contrary to the meaning of the original; but in this place I ſhall only take notice of the ſuperfluous uſe of the word *begotten*.——In John i. 14, 18.—iii. 16, 18. as well as in ſome other places, we find it applied to the great Creator of all things, as if he had in a creaturely manner *begotten* a Son; which certainly conveys a very groſs and creaturely idea of the incommunicable, ſelf-ſubſiſting, and everlaſting JEHOVAH! But a learned Correſpondent of the Monthly Reviewers, to make manifeſt the great impropriety of intruding the word *begotten* into theſe places, has, in a letter to them, given us the true interpretation. The letter and the remarks upon it are both very excellently adapted to inform the judgment: From reading them I received much ſatisfaction, and therefore would recommend the reader to a ſerious peruſal of theſe worthy labours.—*Monthly Review enlarged for December, 1792, vol. ix. p. 479, 480.*

3 I'll haſte to tell what I have found†,
What great things he hath wrought[t],
That he in ev'ry nation round
By others[u] may be ſought,
Till ALL[v] INTELLIGENCES ſhare
Of his ſalvation ev'ry where!

4 For death[w], and him that hath the pow'r
Of death ſhall be deſtroy'd;
Though now a devil, he one hour
Will find God's[x] word not void:
He'll riſe from ſin, no[y] more to fall,
And own JEHOVAH[z] ALL in ALL!

5 And ev'ry[a] creature will agree,
In heaven and on earth:
Under the earth and in the ſea,
To whom he e'er gave birth:
The whole creation, with one voice,
Heard ſaying thus, will then rejoice:

6 "Bleſſing and honour, glory, pow'r
"To him upon the throne;
"And to the Lamb for evermore,
"'Tis due to him alone:
"To Alpha and Omega[b] be
"Praiſe without end, for ALL ARE FREE[c]!"

(t) Dan. iv. 2. (u) Matt. v. 16. (v) Rev. v. 13. (w) Heb. ii
(x) Iſa. xlv. 23. (y) Rev. xxi. 4, 5.—xxii. 3. (z) 1 Cor.
24, - - - 28. (a) Rev. v. 13. (b) Rev. i. 8, 11.—xxi. 6.—xxii
(c) Pſ. cxlv. 9.—cl. 6.—Iſa. lvii. 15, 16.—2 Cor. v. 14, 1
Eph. i. 10.—Col. i. 20.—1 Tim. ii. 5, 6.—Phil. ii. 10, 1
1 John ii. 2.—iii. 8.—Rev. xxi. 5.

† Perhaps no words can better deſcribe the experience of true
lievers than theſe uſed by the prophet *Iſaiah*, although they wer
livered more than 700 years before the coming of CHRIST, whic
recorded thus: *And in that day thou ſhalt ſay, O Lord, I will*
thee: though thou waſt angry with me, thine anger is turned away,
thou comforteſt me. Behold, GOD *is my ſalvation; I will truſt, an*
be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is my ſtrength and my ſong*
alſo is become my ſalvation, Iſa. xii. 1, 2.

CI.

Faith reſpecting the promiſed MILLENNIUM.

LO, I look with joy and wonder . . 8
To the Lamb[d] of God, (once ſlain:) . 7
He with glory[e], pomp, and grandeur . . 8
Will appear on earth again, ... 7
With the right'ous, ... 4
Here a thouſand[f] years‡ to reign! . . 7

Who can tell the great donation,
Which his Martyrs then ſhall prove,
In that glorious diſpenſation
Of pure harmony and love,
When thus honour'd
With his preſence from above?

Kings and Prieſts unto their MAKER,
Theſe will then anointed be:
Each to reign with Chriſt, partaker
Of unknown felicity:
Eye[g] to eye, and
Face[h] to face they him ſhall ſee!

O that in the reſurrection[i]
I might with the firſt appear
One of that moſt grand ſelection
To accompany thee here:
Such the ſecond[j]
Death again no more can fear.

Thou, through whom I have remiſſion[k]
Of the ſins I did commit,
End my hope in full fruition,
When thy waiting ſervant's ſit,—
That for ever
I may in thy preſence ſit!!

(d) John i. 29, 36.—Rev. v. 12, 13. (e) Iſa. xxiv. 23.—it. ii. 13. (f) Rev. xx. 4. (g) Iſa. lii. 8. (h) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.) Rev. xx. 6. (j) Rev. ii. 11. (k) Luke i. 77.—Rom. iii. 25,) Rev. iii. 21.

‡ *See the note,* page 88, 89.

CII.

Devout Breathing for a Godlike Mind.

1 JEHOVAH, juſt and true[m],
Viſit and me renew[n]
In right'ouſneſs:
Fill me with love divine,
That all my works may ſhine;
Give me a mind like thine
Now to poſſeſs.

2 On thee my hopes depend:
O let my pray'r aſcend
And find acceſs:
Let me by faith ſurvey
Pleaſures[o] that can't decay,
That I may urge my way
Them to poſſeſs.

3 Joy[p] in a future ſtate,
Which for thy ſaints doth wait,
None can expreſs:
May I be faithful[q] found,
While upon trying ground,
Till I, with vict'ry crown'd,
Glory poſſeſs.

4 Lord Jeſus, quickly[r] come;
O take thy ſervant home
From all diſtreſs:
Let me, when time's no more[t],
Always my God adore,
And with thee evermore
Glory[s] poſſeſs.

(m) Rev. xv. 3. (n) Tit. iii. 5.—Phil. ii. 5. (o) Pſal. xvi. 11. (p) Heb. xii. 2. (q) Rev. ii. 10. (r) Rev. xxii. 20. (t) Rev. x. 6. (s) Col. iii. 4.—1 Pet. v. 10.

CIII.

The Heart fixed on GOD and looking forward to Manſions of Glory.

1 MY heart it is fixed[t], and nothing can move[u], 11
Or draw my affections[v] from Chriſt,
whom I love: 11
His name is far ſweeter[w] than honey to me, 11
And better[x] than riches can poſſibly be! . 11

2 For riches[y], and all terreſtrial things,
To fly away ſwiftly do make themſelves wings;
But Chriſt, throughout life and in death doth remain
My helper[z], by whom I ſhall heaven[a] obtain.

3 And O, when I come to that thrice happy place,
What charms ſhall I meet in the ſmiles of his face?
No tongue can deſcribe, no nor heart[b] can conceive
The joy which I there ſhall for ever receive!

4 Meantime, O my God, while I ſojourn[c] below,
Make this earthen[d] veſſel with love to o'erflow,
That like my Redeemer, my life here may ſhine,
Prepar'd for bright manſions[e] of glory divine.

CIV.

Devout Breathings for Heaven.

1 FIR'D with the ſacred flames of Jeſu's love[f] 10
My heart aſpires to be with God above! 10
What can it be that makes my ſpirit riſe, . 10
And long ſo much to be above the ſkies? . 10

(t) Pſal. lvii. 7.—cviii. 1. (u) Acts ii. 25. (v) Col. iii. 2.
(w) Pſal. xix. 10.—cxix. 103. (x) Prov. viii. 19. (y) Prov. xxiii. 5.
(z) Heb. xiii. 6, 7, 8. (a) Heb. ix. 24. (b) 1 Cor. ii. 9.
(c) Pſal. xxxix. 12.——1 Pet. i. 17. (d) 2 Cor. iv. 7.
(e) John xiv. 2. (f) 1 John iv. 19.

2 I wait to hear a whiſper, "come away;"
Whene'er it is, I will not then delay:
It can't be long till I unveil'd ſhall ſee[g]
The ſmiling face of him who bled for me!

3 Upon the lip, and ready for thy word
My ſpirit ſtays, and waiteth for thee, Lord:
O come, thou dear DESIRE OF NATIONS[h]! come,
And quickly take thy longing ſervant home.

4 To Father, Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt‡
Aſcribe all praiſe, ye ſaints and heav'nly hoſt;
As was at firſt, now is, ſo ſhall it be,
World without end to all eternity!

(g) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.—1 John iii. 2. (h) Hag. ii. 7.

‡ As *Dr. Samuel Clarke* well obſerves in his Scripture Doctrine of the Trinity, "We have no clear precept or example in Scripture for putting up *Prayers* and *Doxologies* directly and expreſsly to the *Holy Spirit*, becauſe the *Holy Spirit* is no where expreſsly ſtyled *God*;" and to me, as well as this learned Author, it appears to be for this reaſon: "The Holy Spirit is not *ſelf-exiſtent*, but derives his *being* from the *Father*, (by the Son) as from the *Supreme Cauſe*. *The Father alone is ſelf-exiſtent, underived, unoriginated, independent, made of none, begotten of none. proceeding from none.* The *Father* is the *ſole origin* of all *power* and *authority*,—and is the *author* and *principle* of whatſoever is done by the *Son* or by the *Spirit*. The *Father alone* is in the higheſt, ſtrict, and proper ſenſe, abſolutely *Supreme over all*. The *Father alone* is, abſolutely ſpeaking, the *God* of the *Univerſe*, and the *God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt*. Though the Scripture ſtyles the *Father God*, and the *Son God*; yet it at the ſame time always declares there is but ONE GOD;" and it is for this plain reaſon, "becauſe there is in the *Monarchy* of the Univerſe but *One Authority*, original in the *Father*, derivative in the *Son*; therefore the *One God* (abſolutely ſpeaking) always ſignifies *him* in whom the power or authority is original and underived. The *Holy Spirit*, whatever his metaphyſical nature, Eſſence, or Subſtance be, and whatever divine power or dignity is aſcribed to him in Scripture; yet in this he is evidently *ſubordinate* to the Father, that he derives his being and powers from the Father,—the Father nothing from him: through the whole diſpenſation of the Goſpel he always acts by the *will of the Father*, is *given* and *ſent* by him, *intercedes* to him; and as he is *ſubordinate* to the *Father*, ſo he is alſo in Scripture repreſented as *ſubordinate* to the *Son*, both by nature and by the will of the Father; excepting only that he is deſcribed as being the Conductor and Guide of our Lord during his ſtate of humiliation here upon earth. Upon theſe grounds, *abſolute Supreme Honour* is due to the Father ſingly, as being alone the *Supreme and Original Author* of all Being and Power. For the ſame reaſon,

CV.

On Hearing of the Deceaſe of a Chriſtian Friend.

1 AND has our FRIEND,§ ſo late deceas'd, . 8
Got ſafe out of this vale of tears, . . 8
From ev'ry malady releas'd, . . . 8
To be oppreſs'd[1] no more by fears? . . 8

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(i) Rev. vii. 16, 17.—xxi. 4.

all *prayers* and *praiſes* ought *primarily* or *ultimately* to be directed to the *Father*, as the *original* and *primary author* of all good. And upon the ſame account, whatever *honour* is paid to the *Son* who redeemed, or to the *Holy Spirit* who ſanctifies us, muſt always be underſtood as tending finally to the *honour* and *glory* of the *Father*, by whoſe good pleaſure the *Son* redeemed, and the *Holy Ghoſt* ſanctifies us: For the *great œconomy*, or the whole diſpenſation of *God* towards mankind in Chriſt, conſiſts and terminates in this; that as all *authority* and *power* is originally in the *Father*, and from him derived to the *Son*, and exerciſed according to the *influences* of the *Holy Spirit*; and all communications from *God* to the *Creature* are conveyed through the *interceſſion* of the *Son*, and by the inſpiration and *ſanctification* of the *Holy Spirit*: So on the contrary, *all returns* from the *creature* of *prayer* and *praiſes*, of *reconciliation* and *obedience*, of *honour* and *duty to God*, are made in and by the *guidance* and *aſſiſtance* of the *Holy Spirit*, through the *mediation* of the *Son*, to the *Supreme Father and Author of all things*." Having therefore, in the words of this fore-mentioned author, frankly declared in what manner I wiſh the few DOXOLOGIES that I have written to be underſtood, I think the advice given by the ingenious Dr. Bennet cannot, but in this place, be worthy of recommendation. He ſaith, *that no man's words ought to be ſtrained to an ill ſenſe when they are capable of a good one.* To all who uſe this moderation, it is obvious that I intend that all the *prayers*, *praiſe*, *honour*, and *adoration* which I have in any wiſe offered either to the SON or to the Holy SPIRIT, is to be underſtood as redounding ultimately to the glory of GOD the FATHER. *See alſo a learned Eſſay on the Doctrine of the Trinity, by Richard Claridge.*

§ The Perſon whoſe death cauſed me to write theſe verſes, was the late BARBARA COATES of Hudſwell. For ſome years I knew her to be woman of a very excellent ſpirit, and much devoted to God. She left this earthly ſtage at the noon of life but left no room for any one to doubt of her being numbered with the juſt: of whom it is ſaid, *Bleſſed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, ſaith the Spirit, that they may reſt from their labours*; and their works do follow them.

2 Yes, with joy the ſpirit's fled
To its eternal long ſought reſt,
Beyond the regions of the dead;
And is with ſaints and angels bleſt!

3 There ſweetly they their time employ,—
Exulting round their Saviour's throne:
True peace and everlaſting[j] joy
Is now ſecur'd to ev'ry one!

4 Their pure celeſtial tongues[k] diſplay
Their kind Redeemer's love and fame!
Their eyes his wounds and ſcars ſurvey,
And read the honours[l] of his name!

5 How long, O Lord, muſt I remain,
And in this tabernacle[m] ſtay?
Thoſe heav'nly climes, when ſhall I gain?
What period brings the happy day?

6 Thy will[n] be done, I murmur not;
That time I know muſt ſhortly[o] be,
When all my pain will be forgot,
For ever ſwallow'd up in thee!

CVI.

On the AFRICAN *Slave-Trade.*

1 WHAT cruel[p] monſters are the human race, 10
While they reſiſt[q] the overtures of grace? 10
As if with hell[r] there was agreement made, 10
Some do of theft‖ and murder make a trade! 10

(j) Iſa. xxxv. 10. (k) Rev. v. 9, - - - 13. (l) Phil. ii. 9, 10, 11.—Rev. xix. 12, - - - 16. (m) 2 Cor. v. 1.—2 Pet. i. 14. (n) Matt. vi. 10.—Luke xi. 2. (o) Rev. i. 1.—xxii. 6. (p) Prov. xii. 10.—Lam. iv. 3. (q) Acts vii. 51.—2 Tim. iii. 8.—Jude 4. (r) Iſa. xxviii. 15, - - - 18.

‖ *See the* accounts of the evidences on the Slave-Trade, as laid be*fore the Houſe of* Commons.

2 Oh, horrid traffic! cruel to extreme!
Lo, *men buy men*, and their own fellows deem
As much their own as other property;
And force them to perpetual *ſlavery!*

3 Infants are ſtole, and from their parents torn,
As if for wo the innocent was born:
Young boys* and girls, when at their homes at play,
Are alſo caught, and kidnapp'd far away.

4 Though Chriſt ſaith, as ye would have others do,
So do to them[f],—be kind[s] and mercy ſhew[t]:
Theſe *ruffians*, void of pity, love, or ſhame,
Who thus tranſgreſs, aſſume the *Chriſtian name!*

5 No ſex or age theſe wretched monſters ſpare,
Which fraud or force can any way enſnare!
They foment wars, and ſtir up men to fight,
As if therein the Moſt High took delight.

6 Their luſt, for riches and unlawful gain,
Doth make their crimes far worſe than that of *Cain*[u]!
He ſlew his brother in a ſullen rage,
But thouſands theſe do ſlay of ev'ry age!

7 Alas! great part of *Africa* with grief
They cauſe to mourn but ſhew them no relief:
The coaſt of *Guinea*, all along the ſhore,
And its interior kingdoms they explore.

8 From *Senegal* to *Angola* they range
Through ev'ry part, however wild or ſtrange:
Acroſs, from *Benim* unto *Bahneſa*,
They hunt, and of their brethren make a prey!

9 The moſt extenſive kingdom or empire
Can't ſatiate theſe cruel men's deſire:
Hence, in moſt countries, *Ethiopians* are
By white men caught in ſome infernal ſnare!

(f) Luke vi. 31. (s) Eph. iv. 32. (t) Dan. iv. 27.—Mic. vi. 8. —Matt. v. 7.—Luke vi. 36.—Col. iii. 12. (u) Gen. iv. 8.

* See the Life of *Olaudah Equiano*, (afterwards called *Guſtavus Voſſa*) written by himſelf.

10 What human tongue the ſufferings can relate,
Of victims brought to this moſt wretched ſtate?
Beſide the grief occaſion'd in the mind,
They hunger, pain, and ev'ry torture find.

11 Death would by them be thought a welcome friend,
That they might of their hardſhips find an end!
Yet they are not without hopes of redreſs;
For God will judge[v] thoſe who do them oppreſs.

12 Ceaſe BRITAIN†! be not ſtain'd with human blood,
But henceforth do thy *Negro brethren* good:
Extend thy laws to ſet theſe captives free,
And give them all protection under thee.

(v) Eccl. xii. 14.—Iſa. xi. 3, 4.—Matt. xii. 18.—Jam. ii. 13.—Rev. xx. 13.

† It is an undeniable and moſt melancholy truth, that this nation has long been ſtained with the innocent blood of our *Negro Brethren*, for which reaſon the moſt High God (who is no reſpecter of perſons) may juſtly require their blood at our hands; yet, becauſe he is rich in mercy, he ſuffereth long and is kind: for although their blood, like the blood of righteous *Abel*, is calling for vengeance upon their guilty murders, his infinite goodneſs has provided means to open our eyes, and to make us truly ſenſible of the heinous nature of our crime; inſomuch that a clear conviction has almoſt univerſally taken place in every breaſt, and the cry has been, "LET THE CAPTIVES GO "FREE." If, after this gracious viſitation of divine light, worldly intereſt ſhould again blind the eyes of individuals, and theſe by their influence be the means of lulling others to ſleep without relieving the oppreſſed, what favour can we expect from the righteous Judge of quick and dead? *Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?* Gen. xviii. 25. Behold, *God is not a man, that he ſhould lie*, Numb. xxiii. 19. Therefore he will judge betwixt the oppreſſor and the oppreſſed, and *reward every man according to his works*, Matt. xvi. 27. Let us remember what befel PHARAOH, King of Egypt, and the numerous hoſt of hard-hearted and oppreſſive taſk-maſters, which he ſet over the children of *Iſrael*, Exod. v. &c. If the Almighty made them public examples of his righteous diſpleaſure, becauſe they would not let his people go, he may ſpeedily do the ſame to us, if we do not *undo the heavy burdens and let the oppreſſed go free*, Iſa. lviii. 6. But from the meaſures which have lately been adopted in favour of thoſe oppreſſed *Ethiopians*, and from the Spirit of Philanthropy which ſo much prevails in their behalf, I earneſtly hope, and devoutly pray that they may obtain their LAWFUL RIGHT, which is a deliverance from the ſervile chains of Slavery.

13 My ſoul, let love and pity ſhed a tear,
And aſk of God, who doth the righteous[w] hear,
That he may change the wicked hearts of thoſe
Who equity and juſtice do oppoſe.

14 Pray that theſe ſons[x] of *Belial* may ſee
Themſelves, and theſe whom they oppreſs ſet free;
And O uſe ev'ry lawful means that may
Contribute to put SLAVERY away!

CVII.

On the Nativity of CHRIST.

1 ANGELS with joy good[y] news do bring; 8
My ſoul, attend and humbly ſing: . 8
Now celebrate with ſolemn mirth . . 8
The time of the Meſſiah's birth. . . . 8

2 Chriſt, whom the prophets[z] long foretold,
Juſt *Simeon*[a] did at length behold;
Then did his eyes ſalvation ſee,
A light to ſet the *Gentiles* free!

3 Far hence, ye doubts, no more appear,—
Ceaſe, thou baſe tyrant, ſlaviſh fear[b]!
For love[c], and joy, and peace is given,
And my dark hell is turn'd to heav'n.

4 The Sun of Righteouſneſs[d] doth ſhine
With bright effulgent rays divine:
In vain, ye gloomy ſhades of night,
Your darkneſs can't conceal this light[e]!

5 His grace[f] and truth, from day to day,
Doth God's deſign of love diſplay:
In him ALL NATIONS[g] ſhall be bleſt,
And find the way to endleſs reſt!

(w) Pſal. xxxiv. 15.—Jam. v. 16. (x) Judg. xix. 22.—1 Sam. ii. 12.—2 Sam. xxiii. 6.—1 Kin. xxi. 10. (y) Luke ii. 10. (z) Luke i. 70. (a) Luke ii. 25, - - - 31. (b) Heb. ii. 15. (c) Gal. v. 22. (d) *Mal. iv.* 2. (e) John i. 9. (f) John i. 17. (g) *Gal. iii. 8.*

CVIII.

On the Sufferings and Death of CHRIST.

1 O My God[h], thee will I praiſe, . . 7
And thy mighty[i] acts declare! . . 7
Juſt[j] and true are all thy ways; . . 7
Yet for us thou didſt not ſpare[k], . . . 7
But thine ONLY SON[l] didſt give,— . . 7
For to die, that we might live! . . . 7

2 Lord, increaſe true faith in me,
That I may his love admire;
And, as hanging[m] on the tree,
View him ready to expire:
Praying[n] with his lateſt breath,
"Save mine enemies from death!"

3 Lo! MY GOD[o]! MY GOD! he cries,
WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?
Yielding up the Ghoſt[p], he dies
With a will[q] reſign'd and free:
He endur'd the curſe[r] for all
To redeem us from the fall.

4 Love! 'twas love[s] divine indeed:
Such great love as none can ſhow!
Diſtant worlds[s] may gaze and read;
Its effects the worſt[t] ſhall know:
All things in the end will find
Good is ſtill for them deſign'd!

(h) Pſal. cxviii. 28. (i) Pſal. cxlv. 4. (j) Rev. xv. 3. (k) Rom. viii. 32. (l) John iii. 16. (m) Acts v. 30. (n) Luke xxiii. 34. (o) Matt. xxvii. 46.—Mark xv. 34. (p) Matt. xxvii. 50. —Mark xv. 37.—Luke xxiii. 46.—John xix. 30. (q) Matt. xxvi. 42.—Luke xxii. 42.—Heb. x. 7. (r) Gal. iii. 13. (s) 1 John iii. 1, 2. (s) 1 Pet. i. 12. (t) Rev. v. 13.

5 O that all within my heart
Now may feel the ſacred flame:
Let thy jealous[u] ſpirit part
Ev'ry rival from the ſame:
Make me while on earth poſſeſs
Perfect[v] peace and holineſs.

6 Reign ſole Monarch in my breaſt,—
There diſplay thy glory bright;
Then above, among the bleſt,
Where the Lamb[w] will be the light,
I eternally[x] ſhall prove
Riches riſing out of love!

CIX.

On the Life, Death, Reſurrection, and Aſcenſion of CHRIST.

1 AWAKE, my ſoul, and call to mind . 8
The wonders of redeeming[y] love! . 8
How full and free to loſt mankind? . . 8
The worſt[z] may all its virtues prove. . . 8

2 What love indeed was this to man,
That God his ONLY SON ſhould give[a];
Who in his infant ſtate began
On earth a ſuff'ring life to live?

3 He freely[b] undertook our cauſe,
To bring us back from *Satan's*[c] fold;
And to fulfil his Father's laws
Was circumcis'd[d] at eight days old!

(u) Ezek. xxxix. 25. (v) Matt. v. 48. (w) Rev. xxi. 23. (x) Jer. xxxi. 3.—Rev. xii. 5. (y) Rev. v. 9. (z) Iſa. xlv. 22.—liii. 10. (a) John iii. 16. (b) Rom. iii. 24. (c) Acts xxvi. 18. (d) Luke ii. 21.

4 His voice did in the Temple ſound
Among the learned Doctors[e] there:
Their human wiſdom to confound,
Till all that heard aſtoniſh'd were!

5 He daily travell'd[f] to and fro,
And joyful news to ſinners ſpread:
Affected with our preſent wo,
He heal'd the ſick and rais'd the dead!

6 The ſins[g] of all the world he bare
At once to ſave the fallen race!
And proſtrate ſpent whole nights in pray'r[h],
Till ſweat[i] as blood dropt from his face!

7 For ſin, I with the *Jews* muſt bluſh,
Who him did mock[j], deride, and ſcorn;
Spit in his face, ſcourge, tear, and cruſh
His fleſh, and crown his head with thorn!

8 O trace him to *Mount Calvary*[k]:
There view the ſuff'ring Son of God!
Curſed[l], while hanging on a tree;
All cover'd with his precious[m] blood!

9 Lo, with his laſt expiring groan,
He pray'd for all the fallen race!
Father, forgive[n], O paſs by none,—
'Tis finiſh'd[o]! now proclaim free grace!

10 To make his love ſtill more appear,
While Chriſt was thus an off'ring made:
His ſide was pierced[p] with a ſpear,
Then in the tomb[q] his corps was laid.

(e) Luke ii. 46. (f) Matt. iv. 23.—ix. 35.—Mar. vi. 6.—Acts x. 38. (g) 1 Pet. ii. 24. (h) Luke vi. 12. (i) Luke xxii. 44. (j) Matt. xxvii. 29, 30, 31.—Mark xv. 17, 18, 19, 20.—Luke xxii. 63, 64, 65.—John xix. 5. (k) Matt. xxvii. 33.—Luke xxiii. 33. (l) Gal. iii. 13. (m) 1 Pet. i. 19. (n) Luke xxiii. 34. (o) John xix. 30. (p) Zech. xii. 10.—John xix. 34, - - - 37.—Rev. i. 7. (q) Matt. xxvii. 60.

11 Well might the sun[r] withdraw its rays,
And nature to her centre quake:
Saints leave their graves with great amaze,
While thus he dy'd our peace to make.

12 Stand all amaz'd, O earth and hell!
He rose[s] triumphant from the dead;
And to redeem all those who fell
Captivity[s] he captive led!

13 He hath ascended[t] up on high,
Bright mansions[u] for me to prepare:
I rest in hope, the time is nigh
That I shall dwell for ever there!

(r) Matt. xxvii. 45, - - - - 54. (t) Matt. xxviii. 5, - - - 10.
(s) Psal. lxviii. 18.—Eph. iv. 8. (t) Mark xvi. 19.—Luke xxiv. 51. (u) John xiv. 2.

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CX.

On the Creation, Fall, and Reſtoration.

1 IN the beginning[a] thou, O Lord, haſt laid
Earth's vaſt foundations, and all things
hath made: 10
The mighty ſeas, the heav'ns, and alſo hell[b]; 10
With all that breathe, and in thoſe regions dwell. 10

2 And at the firſt all things was very good[c],
Which ſo remain'd while Satan faithful ſtood;
But lo, his pride and envy did inſpire,
And fill'd him and his dwelling-place with fire.

3 (Still broken off from God he doth remain;
And doom'd to hell[d] he there muſt ſuffer pain,
Till ſin in ev'ry ſpecies of the fall
Shall end, and God again be ALL[e] in ALL!)

4 Thus enter'd ſin[f], death, darkneſs, wrath, and fire,
With ev'ry baſe inordinate deſire:
Hence Satan envy'd man, whom God had made,
And by his lies[g] our parents were betray'd[h].

5 He by his crafty wiles[i] did ſoon deceive,
And overcame our mother parent *Eve*;
Nor did our parent *Adam* ſtronger prove,
But ſinn'd likewiſe againſt the God of love!

(a) Gen. i. 1. (b) Iſa. xxx. 33.—John i. 3. (c) Gen. i. 31.
(d) 2 Pet ii. 4.—Rev. xx. 10. (e) 1 Cor. xv. 28. (f) 1 John iii. 8.
(g) Gen. iii. 4, - - 6. (h) Gen. iii. 13. (i) Eph. vi. 11.

6 Lord[j], what is man that thou for us doth care?
Or why didſt thou our guilty parents ſpare?
We own both them, and us deſerv'd to be
Caſt into hell to weep in miſery.

7 O how amazing is thy boundleſs love,
That Chriſt ſhould come and our Redeemer[k] prove!
Whilſt fallen angels bear exquiſite pains,
Till the great day, in everlaſting[l] chains.

8 Amazing, that the Son of God ſhould bleed[m]!
That ſinful men might from the curſe[n] be freed:
He freely dy'd[o], and did atonement[p] make,
That all men might of endleſs life partake.

9 Let *Adam*, and his ſinful progeny,
Through ev'ry age ſing endleſs praiſe to thee:
For thou, O Lord[q], art worthy to receive
Much higher praiſe than ſinful worms can give!

10 But teach us, Lord, to love thy righteous[r] ways,
And with thy bleſſings crown our lateſt days,
Till death[t], the laſt of all our foes be ſlain,
And we our former paradiſe[s] regain.

CXI.

On the amazing Power of Divine Love.

1 ALMIGHTY, O amazing Love[t]! . . 8
Thy all-creating pow'r divine, . . 8
Hath made[u] all worlds and things that move, 8
However bright their glories ſhine; . . 8
And man[v], as Lord of pow'r poſſeſs'd, . . 8
Was ſet to rule above the reſt. . . . 8

(j) Pſal. viii. 4.—Heb. ii. 6. (k) Gal. iii. 13. (l) Jude 6.
(m) Luke xxii. 44.—John xix. 34.—1 Pet. i. 19. (n) Gal. iii. 10.
(o) Rom. v. 6.—xiv. 9. (p) Rom. v. 11. (q) Rev. iv. 11.
(r) Prov. viii. 20.—xvi. 31.—Iſa. xxvi. 7.—xxxv. 8.—Rev. xv. 3.
(ſ) 1 Cor. xv. 26. (s) Rev. ii. 7. (t) 1 John iv. 8, . . . 16.
(u) John i. 3. (v) Gen. i. 28.

2 O thou moſt injur'd goodneſs! why
When man thine image[w] had defac'd[x]
By ſin, and was condemn'd to die?
Why was he ſpar'd? or why embrac'd?
O matchleſs mercy! who can tell
What kept the guilty out of hell?

3 What was it elſe but love alone?
Love infinite! that could do thus?
God's only Son[y] came to atone,
Who gave[z] himſelf to die for us!
And lo, how full and free this grace[a]?
It ſtill appears to all our race.

4 Salvation[b] over ſin and death
Shall in the end to all be giv'n:
His praiſe[c], therefore, with ev'ry breath,
By all that breathe through earth and heav'n,
Be jointly ſung in higheſt ſtrains,
Who[d] over all triumphant reigns!

CXII.

Infinite Wiſdom and Divine Power diſplayed in the Works of Creation, &c.

1 THE mighty God[e]! who form'd the hills, 8
And did ſet[f] bounds unto the ſea: 8
Heaven[g] and earth[h] thy glory fills; 8
All things derive their life[i] from thee! 8
The ſun[j] and moon, and ſtars above, 8
Alone by thine appointment move! 8

(w) Gen. i. 27. (x) Gen. iii. 6. (y) Matt. iii. 17.—xvii. 5.—Rom. v. 11. (z) Gal. i. 4.—Eph. v. 25.—1 Tim. ii. 6.—Tit. ii. 14. (a) Tit. ii. 11.—Heb. ii. 9. (b) Luke i. 69, 77.—iii. 6.—Acts iv. 12.—Heb. v. 9. (c) Pſal. cl. 6. (d) Rom. ix. 5. (e) Iſa. ix. 6.—xl. 12.—xlv. 18. (f) Gen. i. 9.—Pſal. civ. 9.—Job xxvi. 10. (g) Pſal. xix. 1. (h) Iſa vi. 3. (i) Gen. ii. 19, - - - 22. (j) Gen.

2 Nature's immenſe variety
Of matter, colour, ſhape, and kind;
All elements (whate'er they be)
Thou made[k] according to thy mind;
And thine Almighty pow'r doth ſtill
Make[l] theſe ſubſervient to thy will!

3 Though *Satan* ſinn'd[m], he thereby fell
For which he out of heav'n was caſt[n]:
Hence, that like him man might rebel,
He tempted[o] and o'ercame at laſt;—
Eve firſt, then *Adam* did believe
His lies which did them both deceive.

4 Alas! and are we ſtill averſe
To do according to thy mind?
'Tis ſo, but Lord, our ſins diſperſe,
And let us all that power[p] find,
Which brings ſalvation from above:
Grant this, moſt gracious God[q] of love!

CXIII.

On the Creation and Fall, and the means provided for our Recovery.

1 JEHOVAH[r] Lord! all praiſe to thee, . . 8
Whoſe all-creating[t] word . . . 6
Did firmly fix the ſure decree; . . . 8
When lo! with one accord, . . . 6
The ſpacious heav'ns[s], and earth, and ſkies, . 8
From chaos all did ſwiftly riſe! . . 8

2 The brute creation next were made,
Which when pronounced good,
Let us make man, JEHOVAH ſaid!
To rule the num'rous brood:
And man he made his chief delight,
Which bore his glorious image bright!

(k) Iſa. xliv. 24.—John i. 3. (l) Nah. i. 4, &c.—Matt. v. 45. —Heb. ii. 8. (m) 1 John iii. 8. (n) 2 Pet. ii. 4.—Rev. xx. 10. (o) Gen. iii. 4, &c. (p) 2 Tim. i. 7. (q) 1 John iv. 8, 16. (r) *Pſal. lxxxiii. 18.* (t) John i. 3. (s) Gen. i. 1, &c.

3 But ſoon the crafty *ſerpent*[t] ſought
God's fav'rites to beguile:
He tempted them to eat the fruit
Which did their ſouls defile:
Hence, for obeying *Satan's* voice,
God drove them out of Paradiſe.

4 And *Adam*, after this ſad fate,
Did children[u] ſoon beget;
Who alſo did degenerate,
Break, and God's law forget;
As they did, ſo[v] do we repeat
The crime, his law to violate.

5 Amazing love! 'twas great indeed!
When man fell God was led
To give his ſon, the promis'd ſeed[w],
To bruiſe the *ſerpent's* head;
And in due time[x] Chriſt did appear,
Who dy'd[y] to bring ſalvation near!

6 He roſe[z] triumphant o'er the grave,
And conquer'd[a] death and hell,
Our ſinful captive ſouls to ſave,
Which from his glory fell,
To raiſe us from this wilderneſs
Again to live in endleſs bliſs.

7 And for his ſake on earth our lives
Are ſpar'd from year to year;
His ſpirit[b] with poor ſinners ſtrives,
And bids the worſt draw near:
All may eternal[c] life receive,
Who do in Jeſus Chriſt[d] believe!

(t) Gen. iii. 1, &c. (u) Gen. iv. 1, &c. (v) Rom. iii. 23. (w) Gen. iii. 15. (x) Rom. v. 6.—1 Tim. ii. 6. (y) Matt. xxvii. 50. (z) Matt. xxviii. 6.—Acts ii. 24, - - - 32. (a) Eph. iv. 8.—Heb. ii. 8, - - - 14.—1 Tim. iii. 16. (b) Acts ii. 17, 18.—Rev. xxii. 17. (c) 1 John ii. 25. (d) Acts x. 34.—xiii. 39.

CXIV.

CHRIST *the* SECOND ADAM *hath regained what the* former Adam *loſt.*

1 DYING worms[e] are call'd to live[f], . 7
Who then would not life receive? . 7
Who for ſin would madly die, . . . 7
When redemption is ſo nigh? . . . 7

2 Chriſt the SECOND[g] ADAM came,
Praiſe! for ever praiſe his name!
He the *former Adam's* loſs
Hath regain'd upon the croſs[h].

3 Hence, Chriſt is our way[i] to heav'n,
Through whom ſinners are forgiv'n:
All by faith[j] in him may prove
God unchangeably is LOVE[k]!

CXV.

The Univerſality of the Love of GOD, *as ſet forth in his Goſpel.*

1 TO *Jew*[l] and *Gentile*, juſt the ſame, . . 8
Barbarian, *Scythian*, ev'ry name; . 8
To all mankind, both bond and free, . . 8
The goſpel preaches LIBERTY[m]! . . 8

2 Come near with joy, attend the ſound,
Ye who are faſt in fetters bound;
Repent[n] for ſin, in Chriſt believe,
And pardon[o] from the Lord receive.

(e) Job xxv. 6.—Pſal. xxii. 6. (f) Ezek. xviii. 32. (g) Rom. v. 6, - - - 18.—1 Cor. xv. 22, &c. (h) Eph. ii. 16.—Col. i. 20. (i) John xiv. 6. (j) Gal. iii. 25. (k) 1 John iv. 8, 16. (l) Rom. x. 12.—Gal. iii. 28.—Col. iii. 11. (m) Iſa. lxi. 1.—Luke iv. 18.—Rom. viii. 21.—2 Cor. iii. 17.—Gal. v. 1. (n) Mar. i. 15. (o) Iſa. lv. 7.—Mic. vii. 18.

3 Exalt[p] his name, ye ſinful race,
By acquieſing with his grace:
Take care and never grieve[q] him more,
For fear he ſhut* too Mercy's door[r].

4 Riſe, Jeſus[ſ], calls you, come away,
Make no excuſe, no longer ſtay;
Come quickly to the PRINCE OF PEACE[t],
And all your doubts and fears ſhall ceaſe.

(p) Pſal. xxxiv. 3.—xcix. 5, 9.—cvii. 32.—cxviii. 28. (q) Eph. iv. 30. (r) Luke xiii. 25.—John x. 9. (ſ) Matt. xi. 28.—John vii. 37. (t) Iſa. ix. 6.

* *He that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man ſhutteth; and ſhutteth, and no man openeth: He hath ſet before us an open door, and no man can ſhut it*, Rev. iii. 7, 8. Through which, if we enter, *he will give us to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradiſe of God*, Rev. ii. 7. *For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlaſting; and his truth endureth to all generations*, Pſal. c. 5. Yet all thoſe who *reject the commandment of God*, Mark vii. 9. *they are enemies of the croſs of Chriſt*, Phil. iii. 18. *under the curſe* of the law, Gal. iii. 10. *in the gall of bitterneſs, and in the bond of iniquity*, Acts viii. 23. And cannot eſcape *the wrath to come*, 1 Theſ. i. 10. but by doing *the work of God*, which is to *believe on him whom he hath ſent*, John vi. 29. who is *the only Son of God*, John iii. 18. *full of grace and truth*, John i. 14. Let us therefore carefully attend to *the gracious words that proceeded out of his mouth*, Luke iv. 22. Read Matt. v.—vi.—vii.—xi. 28, 29, 30.—John vi. 35, 37.—vii. 37, 38.—Rev. xxii. 17. Theſe, and many other paſſages too numerous to mention, ſhew how the Scriptures abound with free invitations and faithful promiſes to all returning ſinners. Hence we ſee *the Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the ſoul that ſeeketh him*, Lam. iii. 25. and *by mercy and truth iniquity is purged* from them, Prov. xvi. 6. But *they that obſerve lying vanities forſake their own mercy*, Jonah ii. 8. and through contempt of the law of God, and deſpiſing the riches of his goodneſs, and forbearance, and long-ſuffering, their hearts become hard and impenitent; and by ſo doing, all the wicked treaſure up for themſelves *wrath againſt the day of wrath, and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to every man according to his deeds*, Rom. ii. 5, 6. Dreadful thought! What will all thoſe do in that tremendous day, who now *fill up their ſins*? 1 Theſ. ii. 16. ſo far as to become *veſſels of wrath fitted for deſtruction*, Rom. ix. 22. Theſe will then know aſſuredly, that *the* MASTER *of the houſe is riſen up, and hath ſhut too the door*, Luke xiii. 25. And that *it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*, Heb. x. 31. For *the wicked ſhall be turned into hell*, Pſal. ix. 17. and tormented *in the lake which burneth with fire and brimſtone*, Rev. xxi. 8. till they receive a reward according to their works, Matt. xvi. 27.

5 Thus may all[t] nations fully prove
The pow'r of God's redeeming love;
Tho' many to the feaſt have come,
For multitudes there ſtill is room[u].

6 Then let us crowd his courts with joy,
And to his praiſe our time employ,
For all eternally may be
Releas'd from death[v] and miſery.

CXVI.

A Paraphraſe of the invitation which God has given, Iſa. lv. 1, 2, 3.

1 HO! ev'ry one that thirſteth come[w], . 8
Unto the living waters haſte: . . 8
Ye wine and milk, (though far from home) . 8
And pureſt ſtreams of life may taſte. . . 8

2 Food, without money, buy and eat,
Chriſt fully paid redemption's price[x]!
And all the hungry doth intreat,
No more to feed on ſin and vice.

3 Wherefore do ye your money ſpend,
For that which is not living bread?
Where will your faithleſs labours end,
Who only of dead[y] works have fed?

4 "Hearken unto me," ſaith the Lord!
"And freely eat that which is good:
"Fatneſs abounds through all my word;
"I to the faithful ſoul am food!

5 "Delight yourſelves alone in me;
"Feaſt on my grace, and ye ſhall live:
"The covenant I make ſhall be
"*David's* ſure mercies ſtill to give!

(t) Gen. xviii. 18.—Acts x. 35, 36.—Rev. v. 9. (u) Luke xiv. 22. (v) 1 Cor. xv. 26.—Heb. ii. 14.—Rev. xxi. 4. (w) Iſa. lv. 1, 2, 3. (x) 1 Cor. vi. 20.—vii. 23. (y) Heb. ix. 14.

CXVII.

GOD's *Expoſtulatory Counſel to Sinners, and their good Admonition to each other.*

1 EXALT[z] the Lord! ye nations all, . 8
Bow[a] down with joy before his face, . 8
And hear his univerſal call . . . 8
To ev'ry child of *Adam's* race! . . . 8

2 "I am the Lord[b]! there's none beſides;
"Lo there is no true God but me!
"My arm made all things, and provides
"For their ſupport what I decree!

3 "Look unto me and be ye ſav'd;
"I only, I alone am God!
"Ye fallen race by ſin enſlav'd,
"Chuſe ye my ſceptre or my rod.

4 "I will in no[c] wiſe caſt one out,
"Whoſe faith is ſincere and upright!
"Why will ye die[d]? or be in doubt?
"Since I to ſave you much delight!"

5 Thus ſpake the Lord, whoſe word and pow'r
From age to age is ſtill the ſame,
To ſave his creatures[e] and reſtore
The worſt from miſery and ſhame!

6 Come, fellow ſinners, let us riſe
And God invoke for help to-day;
Although he reigns above the ſkies,
He hears the needy[f] when they pray.

7 To humble[g] men his aid is ſure;
Their pray'r cannot return in vain:
They from all ſin ſhall be made pure[h],
And then with Chriſt for ever reign[i]!

(z) Pſal. xxxiv. 3.—xcix. 5, 9. (a) Pſal. xcv. 6. (b) Iſa. xli. 4. —xliii. 11.—xlv. 18, - - - 23. (c) John vi. 37. (d) Ezek. xviii. 31.—xxxiii. 11. (e) Rev. v. 13. (f) Iſa. xli. 17. (g) Luke xiv. 11.—xviii. 14. (h) 1 John iii. 3. (i) Rev. xxii. 3, 4, 5.

CXVIII.

Invitation, Expoſtulation, and Prayer.

1 THE God of truth! who cannot[j] lie! . 8
Who all men ought to glorify, . . 8
Doth now invite[k] the human race . . 8
To be partakers of his grace! . . . 8

2 JEHOVAH! by himſelf doth ſwear[l]
'Tis not his pleaſure[m] one ſhould bear
The curſe from which we cannot fly,
But through Chriſt[n], who for ſin did die.

3 Hence he *Manaſſahs*[o] will forgive,—
And *Magdalenes*[p], who him believe:
If *prodigals*[q] returning come,
They in his loving arms find room[r]!

4 None need to ſay, ſhall I aſcend[s]
To heav'n, to ſeek this ſinner's friend?
He ev'ry[s] where doth ſinners meet,
And his kind viſits oft repeat.

5 Both day and night his ſpirit waits,
And in each breaſt expoſtulates:
There while he doth the truth explain
He ſhews we muſt be born[t] again.

6 But lo! like *Nicodemus*, we
Say (wond'ring) how can this thing be?
And unbelief prevents his grace,
Or this great change would ſoon take.

7 May we therefore no longer grieve[u]
Thy ſpirit, Lord, but Chriſt believe,
Till ev'ry ſoul is brought to prove,
The fulneſs of redeeming love.

(j) Tit. i. 2.—Heb. vi. 18. (k) Iſa. xlv. 22. (l) Iſa. xlv. 23.—Ezek. xxxiii. 11. (m) Ezek. xviii. 32. (n) Acts iv. 12. (o) 2 Chron. xxxiii. 11, - - - 23. (p) Luke viii. 2. (q) Luke xv. 17, 18, &c. (r) Luke xiv. 22. (s) Rom. x. 6, &c. (s) Prov. xv. 3.—John i. 9. (t) John iii. 3, - - - 18. (u) Eph. iv. 30.

CXIX.

The miſſion of GOD *to his Miniſters, and his call through their Miniſtry to Sinners.*

1 TO all[v] the world the Lord hath ſent . 8
His choſen miniſters to call . . 8
On ev'ry ſinner to repent[w], . . . 8
And offer his free[x] grace to ALL! . . 8

2 Moſt gladly they his goſpel preach,
That ev'ry creature may believe
On Jeſus, in whoſe name they teach
The world his bleſſings to receive.

3 By them he calls the maim'd, the blind,
The poor, the needy, the oppreſt,
The troubled, weary, burthen'd mind,
And ſhews them all the way to reſt[y].

4 He calls the vileſt of the race,
Who do not cloak[z] or hide their ſin,—
And makes thoſe ſure of pard'ning grace,
Who ſeek it praying[a] from within.

5 But proud ſelf-righteous *Phariſees*[b],
Who their own works or merits plead,
Do Chriſt reject[c], and dwell at eaſe,
In love with praiſe, on which they feed.

6 Chriſt to repentance[d] did not call
The righteous, but thoſe that were loſt:
Let all who ſinn'd then own the fall,
For none of works has room to boaſt[e].

7 Whate'er is wrong, we muſt confeſs[f],
And fig-leaf[g] cov'rings wear no more:
Ceaſe wholly from ſelf-righteouſneſs,
Whereon our hopes were built before.

(v) Mark xvi. 15. (w) Acts iii. 19. (x) Rom. iii. 24.—viii. 32. (y) Matt. xi. 28. (z) Prov. xxviii. 13. (a) 1 Sam. i. 12, 13. (b) Luke xviii. 11, 12. (c) Mark vii. 6, - - - 9. (d) Mat. ix. 13.—Mark. ii. 17.—Luke v. 32. (e) Rom. iii. 27.—*Eph. ii. 9.* (f) 1 John i. 9. (g) Gen. iii. 7.

8 No other name[h] but Jeſus can
The curſe for ſin or death remove:
He taſted[i] death for every man,
That ALL might his ſalvation prove!

9 Should we neglect[j], we've no excuſe,
And can't eſcape the wrath[k] to come,
For as we good or evil chuſe,
We ſhall[l] be bleſt or have our doom.

10 O let us not objections make,
While we may have our ſins forgiv'n:
It cannot harm us to partake
A preſent[m] and eternal[n] heav'n.

CXX.

The Joyful Sound.

1 SINNERS attend the joyful ſound[o]; . 8
The goſpel's preach'd to all around! . 8
Come now by faith, to Jeſus come, . . 8
While he prevents your dreadful doom, . 8
For in his loving arms there's room . . 8
For all[p] mankind! 4

2 No more reject JEHOVAH's grace;
'Tis free for all the human race;
For, by his ſpirit, he doth move
In ev'ry breaſt, that we may prove
How univerſal† is his love
To all mankind!

(h) Acts iv. 12. (i) Heb. ii. 9. (j) Heb. ii. 3. (k) Matt. iii. 7. —Luke iii. 7.—Rom. ii. 5.—Rev. vi. 16, 17. (l) Mark. xvi. 27. —Rev. xxii. 12. (m) Luke xvii. 21. (n) 2 Pet. i. 11. (o) Luke viii. 1.—Acts xiii. 32, - - - 39.—Rom. v. 6, - - - 18. (p) Pſal. c. 5.—cxlv. 9.—Luke xiv. 22.—John i. 9.—Rom. xi. 32. —Heb. ii. 9.—1 Tim. ii. 4, - - - 6.—2 Pet. iii. 9.—Rev. xxii. 17.

† I think it quite needleſs to quote many paſſages of Scripture to prove the univerſality of *God's* love to his creatures, and of his *willingneſs to ſave them, becauſe* the ſacred pages do, from firſt to

3 Why then ſhould we refuſe to live,
Who may eternal life receive?
My fellow ſinners come with me,
God's great ſalvation let us ſee,
Through Chriſt, who dy'd on *Calvary*[q]
For all mankind!

4 Now and henceforth, with one accord,
Let us in all things ſerve the Lord;
Do with delight his righteous will,
And that ſweet law[r] of love fulfil,
Of him who ſhews his mercy ſtill
To all mankind!

5 Then we true joy and peace ſhall find,
Who thus poſſeſs a godlike mind:
Heirs[s] and joint-heirs ſhall alſo be
With Jeſus Chriſt, who made us free!
For God's deſign is liberty‡
To all mankind!

(q) Luke xxiii. 33. (r) Gal. v. 14.—Jam. ii. 8.
(s) Rom. viii. 17.

laſt, abound with the moſt loving invitations and gracious promiſes that could poſſibly be given; inſomuch, that none who have ever heard the joyful ſound of the Goſpel can have any juſt cauſe to doubt but that *God ſo loved the world, that he gave his* ONLY SON, *that whoſoever believeth in him ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life*, John iii. 16. But it may perhaps be needful to enforce this exhortation; *Seek ye the* LORD *while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forſake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the* LORD, *and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon*, Iſa. lv. 6, 7.

‡ Not licentious Liberty or any thing that has a tendency to lead thereunto, but that TRUE LIBERTY which was firſt ſpoken of by the *Prophet*, Iſa. lxi. 1, 2, 3.; and afterwards rehearſed by the promiſed MESSIAH, whom the Father anointed and ſent to preach. Being at Nazareth, we are told that, *as the cuſtom was, he went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath-day, and ſtood up for to read: and there was delivered unto him the book of the Prophet* ESAIAS; *and, when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, the ſpirit of the* LORD *is upon me, becauſe he hath anointed me to preach the goſpel to the poor, he hath ſent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of the ſight to the blind, to ſet at* LIBERTY *them that are bruiſed*, &c. Luke iv. 16, 17, 18. The Liberty here ſpoken

CXXI.

A Call to Sinners.

1 SINNERS to righteouſneſs awake[s], . 8
And ev'ry evil way forſake: . . . 8
The Lord ſtands knocking[t] at the door . 8
To ſave the needy and the poor[u]. . . 8

2 Open your hearts, and part with ſin,
To let the PRINCE[v] of PEACE come in;
For all things are his own to give,
And lo! he bids you turn[w] and live.

3 Turn, ſinners turn, why will you die?
The Lord himſelf repeats the cry!
And freely will his grace[x] impart
To ev'ry ſincere waiting heart.

4 Confeſs your ſins, and aſk in pray'r
That you may now his bleſſings ſhare;
And when you have acceptance found,
Let grateful ſongs of praiſe abound.

CXXII.

The Wicked have no Peace, but we are called to Repentance and Faith.

1 NO peace[y] can wicked men enjoy, . 8
Whoſe ſins are unforgiv'n, . . 6
'Till they do earneſtly employ . . . 8
Their thoughts in ſearch of heav'n. . 6

(s) 1 Cor. xv. 34. (t) Rev. iii. 20. (u) Iſa. xli. 17.
(v) Iſa. ix. 6. (w) Prov. i. 23.—Ezek. xviii. 21, --- 32.
(x) Pſal. lxxxiv. 11. (y) Iſa. xlviii. 22.—lvii. 20, 21.

of is a deliverance from ſin, and the curſe of a broken law; and this every one may experience through faith in his name. How far we may be delivered from outward troubles before and during the *Millennium* is uncertain; but in the *new earth*, it is certain *there ſhall be no more curſe, no more pain, no more ſorrow, no more death,—for the former things*, which are ſin and its conſequences, *ſhall all paſs away*: for he, whoſe *words are true and faithful*, hath ſaid, *Behold I make all things new!* See Rev. xxi. 4, 5.—xxii. 3.

2 But like the troubled ſea, whoſe waves
Do caſt up mire and dirt,
In fruitleſs toil, alas! poor ſlaves,
They all their ſtrength exert.

3 They alſo miſery muſt have,
Who thus their lives have ſpent;
And unknown wo[z], beyond the grave,
Except they here repent[a].

4 Repent[b], therefore, ye inſincere,
The God of truth believe!
So ſhall you find ſalvation near,
And his free grace receive.

CXXIII.

Prayer and Expoſtulatory Counſel.

1 O That the fooliſh[c] were made wiſe[d],
To underſtand and God believe;
For few[e], alas! their welfare prize,
Or ſeek ſalvation to receive.

2 Yet ought we to conſider well,
The miſery[f] that will attend
Thoſe who ſecure a place in hell,
As ſoon as this ſhort life ſhall end.

3 Shall ev'ry means be try'd in vain
Us ſtubborn creatures to convert;
And we ſtill after all remain
Rebellious and unchang'd in heart?

4 Shall we reſiſt the Saviour's love,
Who for our ſakes ſo much hath done?
And ſpurn at mercy from above
Till its too late his wrath to ſhun?

(z) Pſal. ix. 17. (a) Luke xiii. 3, 5. (b) Acts iii. 19. (c) Pſal. xiv. 1.—Jer. v. 21. (d) Deut. xxxii. 29. (e) Matt. vii. 14. (f) Luke xvi. 23, 24.

5 God's not a man[g], that he ſhould change,
JEHOVAH cannot[h] ſpeak a lie!
His way[i] to ſinners may ſeem ſtrange,
But who can counſel[j] the Moſt High?

6 Our wiſdom[k], as if built on ſhame,
Before the all-wiſe God muſt fall!
Then let us now, in Jeſu's name,
Unite and for ſalvation call.

CXXIV.

The danger of living and dying in Sin.

1 ALAS! we ſtand in jeopardy[l], . . 8
Expos'd to death[m] and miſery; . . 8
Who after this vain world[n] do walk . . 8
In fooliſh jeſts[o] and wicked talk. . . 8

2 Or if we ſpend this mortal life
In envy[p], malice, wrath, and ſtrife,
Moſt dreadful then will be our fate,
When paſſing to a future ſtate.

3 For ſin[q], whatever ſort we love,
Will make us unknown ſorrow prove—
If uncoverted we remain,
And die before we're born again[r].

4 What will ſuch do in that dread day,
When heav'n and earth ſhall paſs away[s]!
For all muſt then to judgment come[t],
To their reward or dreadful doom!

(g) Numb. xxiii. 19. (h) Tit. i. 2.——Heb. vi. 18. (i) Ezek. xviii. 25. (j) Iſa. xl. 13, 14. (k) Job. v. 13.—1 Cor. i. 19, &c. (l) 2 Cor. xv. 30. (m) Rom. viii. 5, - - - 13. (n) Jam. iv. 4.—2 John iv. 5. (o) Eph. v. 4. (p) Rom. i. 29, - - - 32.—1 Tim. vi. 4.—Tit. iii. 3. (q) Ezek. xviii. 4. (r) John iii. 3, - - - 7. (s) 2 Pet. iii. 10. (t) Rom. xiv. 10.—2 Cor. v. 10.

5 From ſin, therefore, let all ariſe,
And learn God's mercy now to prize:
In him believe[t] and find that grace,
So much diſplay'd to *Adam's* race!

6 Thus holy mirth and heav'nly joy
Shall ev'ry heart and tongue employ;
And peace, when from this fleſh ſet free,
Will their eternal portion be.

CXXV.

Exhortation to the Unconverted.

1 BUY the truth[u], and ſell it not,— . . 7
If the truth you have not got: . . 7
If you wiſh to be made wiſe[x], . . . 7
Part with all to gain this prize. . . 7

2 Mark well, ye who think ye've nought,—
It with money[y] can't be bought;
'Tis the heart[z] that you muſt give,
If to God you wiſh to live.

3 Freely do what he requires,—
Give up ſin and wrong deſires:
Seek his kingdom[a] to obtain,
And let Chriſt within you reign.

4 Watch againſt pride and ſelf-will;
Never more give way to ill:
Wreſtle and in God believe[b],
So ſhall you the truth[c] receive.

5 Plead what God[d] in Chriſt hath done,
(Chriſt the TRUTH[e], God's only Son!)
Till the Son hath made you free[f];
Free indeed you then ſhall be!

(t) Mark ix. 23.——Acts xvi. 31. (u) Prov. xxiii. 23. (x) 2 Tim. iii. 15. (y) Iſa. lii. 3.—lv. 1. (z) Prov. xxiii. 26.—Lam. iii. 41.—Heb. x. 22.—1 John iii. 20. (a) Matt. vi. 33.—Luke xii. 31. (b) John i. 12. (c) John viii. 32. (d) 2 Cor. v. 18, 19. (e) John xiv. 6. (f) John viii. 36.

CXXVI.

The ſad effects of Pride, and the Bleſſings which attend Humility.

1 VAIN mortals! why ſo fond of pride? . 8
Inſtead thereof with ſhame, . . 6
For it we ought ourſelves to chide, . . 8
And lothe its very name. 6

2 'Twas pride brought angels[g] down from heav'n,
To *Tophet's*[h] gloomy cell;
And pride[i] in us (if not forgiv'n)
Will caſt us into hell.

3 But to the humble God gives grace,
While he reſiſts[k] the proud;
Come humbly then and ſeek his face,
For mercy cry aloud.

4 Your penitential cries he'll hear[l],
And anſwer from above;
So ſhall you find ſalvation near,
And know that God[m] is love!

CXXVII.

Warning and Counſel.

1 TREMBLE[n] and quake§, ye wicked race, 8
Who love in ſin to live; . . . 6
Vengeance awaits in ev'ry place, . . 8
Your due reward to give. 6

(g) 2 Pet. ii. 4.—Jude 6.—Rev. xii. 7. (h) Iſa. xxx. 33. (i) Mal. iv. 1. (k) Jam. iv. 6.—1 Pet. v. 5. (l) 2 Chron. vii. 14.—Pſal. cxlv. 18, 19. (m) 1 John iv. 8, - - - 16. (n) Exod. xix. 16, - - - 18.—1 Sam. xiv. 15.—Dan. x. 7.—Joel ii. 10.—Nah. i. 5. —Heb. xii. 21.

§ The people called QUAKERS were at firſt abuſively ſo called from the word QUAKE.—*The word, which the Lord delivered by the mouth of ſome of his miniſters among them, ſometimes was attended*

2 God's judgments[o] ſoon will grow ſevere,
Which he will fully vent,
Except you to his word adhere,
And ſpeedily repent[p].

3 Should you of time preſume to boaſt[q],
Or ſay his threats are vain[r],—
You will e'er long, to your ſad coſt,
Feel horror, wo, and pain!

4 For no unholy[r] thing can dwell
With an All-holy God!
Hence ſinners will be ſent to hell[s],
To ſmart beneath his rod.

5 Reſiſtleſs guilt haſtes to arreſt,
By which your hearts will fail[t];
But contrite[u] ſinners ſhall be bleſt,
However weak and frail.

6 Conſider then in time your ways,
And to your ſteps take heed:
Your ſtrength and reſidue of days
Devote to God with ſpeed.

7 Exaggerate, not by delay,
Theſe crimes already done;
But to JEHOVAH humbly pray
For mercy through his Son.

(o) Jer. i. 16. (p) Luke xiii. 3, 5. (q) Prov. xxvii. 1. (r) Mal. iii. 14.—Jam. iv. 5. (ſ) Rev. xxi. 27. (s) Pſal. ix. 17. (t) Luke xxi. 26. (u) Pſal. xxxiv. 18.—li. 17.—Iſa. lvii. 15.—lxii. 2.

with ſo much Divine Power as to cauſe them viſibly to tremble and quake; inſomuch that many were like the *trembling Jailer*, whoſe cry was, *What muſt I do to be ſaved?* Acts xvi. 29, 30. See the Books written by GEORGE FOX, WILLIAM PENN, ROBERT BARCLAY, RICHARD CLARIDGE, JOHN GRATTON, &c. &c. May the ſame Almighty Power which theſe felt ſtill cauſe ſinners to tremble *and quake* before him; till all ſhall revere his name, experience *his love, and know* him to be the God of their ſalvation.

CXXVIII.

Warning to the Impious, and encouragement to the Penitent.

1 JEHOVAH reigns[v] enthron'd on high,— . 8
Let ſinners quake[w] for fear! . . . 6
And humble[x] penitents draw nigh, . . 8
Who his great name revere. 6

2 Supremely bleſt[y] through Chriſt are they
Who here the truth embrace;
But the impious[z] far away
Shall flee in ſad diſgrace.

3 Therefore reſound your MAKER's praiſe,
Ye ſouls who are ſincere;
And walk in his appointed ways,
Till you in heav'n appear.

4 You are not far[a] from that good land
Of everlaſting reſt,
Where you ſhall ſit[b] on God's right hand,
In blood[c] waſh'd linen-dreſt!

5 Cheer up your hearts, dry up your tears,
By faith new ſtrength put on;
Chaſe far away all doubts and fears,
The crown for you is won.

6 'Twas Jeſus that endur'd[d] the fight,
And did victorious prove,
Who ſoon will crown[e] you with delight
In joyful climes above.

(v) 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12.—Pſal. xlvii. 8. (w) Deut. xxxii. 39.---42. (x) Jam. iv. 6.—1 Pet. v. 5. (y) Rom. iv. 7. (z) Job xx. 5,---29. (a) Mar. xii. 34. (b) Luke xiii. 29.—Col. iii. 1. (c) Rev. vii. 14. (d) Heb. xii. 2. (e) 2 Tim. iv. 8. Jam. i. 12.—1 Pet. v. 4.—Rev. ii. 10.

CXXIX.

God is more willing to dispense Blessings than Sinners are to receive them.

1 LORD, how boundless is thy grace . 7
Unto all the fallen race? . . . 7
None was ever yet deny'd[f], . . . 7
Who in faith for mercy cry'd! . . . 7

2 Lo, thy willingness how great
Humble penitents to meet?
Thou more[g] ready art to give,
Far than we are to receive!

3 Let not sinners then despair,
But approach thy throne with pray'r;
And alone, in Jesu's[h] name,
Ev'ry promis'd blessing claim.

4 O that men would be as wise[i],
As immediately to rise,
And devote to God with speed
Ev'ry thought, and word, and deed.

5 Happy to a great degree,
They that do so soon shall be;
And hereafter fully prove
All the heights and depths of love!

CXXX.

Exhortation and Encouragement.

1 O Sinners repent, ... 5
Own God for your King[j]; . . 5
His Son[k] he hath sent 5
Salvation to bring! 5

(f) Isa. xlv. 19.—Matt. vii. 7, 8.—Luke xi. 9, 10. (g) Isa. lxv. 1.
(h) John xiv. 13, 14.—xv. 16.—xvi. 23, &c. (i) Deut. xxxii. 29.
(j) Mal. xliv. 4. (k) Gal. iv. 4, - - - 7.

The time he has given 6
No longer miſuſe; 5
He made you for heaven[l], ... 6
Don't damnation chuſe. 5

2 Chriſt ſtands all day long,
And ſpreads out his hands[m]
To ſinners, who throng
To torments in bands:
He calls[n] on the vileſt
His mercy to prove[o],
And welcomes the unbleſt
To ſhare of his love.

3 O why, ye perverſe[p]
And ſtout-hearted race[q],
What need he rehearſe
His offers of grace?
Accept God's donation
By faith, while you may,
Leſt his reprobation[r]
Attend your delay.

4 His ſpirit[ſ] may ceaſe
To ſtrive as before;
If ſo, who can peace
Or comfort reſtore?
Reſiſt[s] then no longer,
For fear in his wrath[t],
He ſay, depart yonder[u]
To hell without faith.

(l) Gen. v. 1.—Col. i. 16. (m) Rom. x. 21. (n) Prov. i. 23, 24.—viii. 5, 6.—Mark xvi. 15, 16.—Luke v. 32. (o) Pſ. ciii. 8. —cxlv. 9. (p) Matt. xvii. 17.—Luke ix. 41. (q) Iſa. xlvi. 12. (r) Rom. i. 28. (ſ) Gen. vi. 3. (s) Rom. xiii. 2. (t) Exod. xxxii. 10.——Pſal. xcv. 11.——Hoſ. v. 10.——Heb. iii. 7, - - - 11. (u) Luke xiii. 27, 28.

5 Now take up your crofs[v],
And follow your Lord;
Count all dung[w] and drofs[x]
Compar'd to his word!
Though death you may ſuffer[y],
You life ſhall partake:
Chriſt's way was much rougher,
Who thus peace did make!

CXXXI.

Invitation, Caution, and Encouragement.

1 GIVE ear[z], O earth, 'tis God commands! 8
He bids you turn[a] and ſeek[b] his face; 8
And lo, with outſpread[c] arms he ſtands . . 8
Ready poor ſinners to embrace! 8
Wherefore draw[d] near thro' Chriſt, and prove 8
The great ſalvation of his love. . . 8

2 Quench not the Spirit[e], which doth ſeek
A reſidence in ev'ry breaſt,—
For he the words of life[f] doth ſpeak,
And gives to ſincere mourners[g] reſt;
To all who walk upright in heart,
He grace and glory will impart.

3 Ye who have hitherto withſtood,
And ſet[h] at nought the Lord moſt high!
Haſte to the fountain[i] of Chriſt's blood:
He for the ſins of ALL[j] did die!
O come, for God ſtill waits[k] to bleſs
You with eternal happineſs.

(v) Matt. x. 38.—Luke xiv. 27. (w) Phil. iii. 8. (x) Iſa. i. 25. (y) 2 Tim. ii. 12.—1 Pet. ii. 21. (z) Deut. xxxii. 1. (a) 2 Kings xvii. 13.—Jer. xviii. 8.—xxvi. 2, 3.—Zech. i. 3, 4. (b) Amos v. 4, 6, 8, 14. (c) Rom. x. 21. (d) Heb. x. 22.—Jam. iv. 8. (e) 1 Theſ. v. 19. (f) John vi. 63. (g) Matt. v. 4. (h) *Prov. i. 25.* (i) Zech. xiii. 1. (j) Heb. ii. 9. (k) 1 Pet. iii. 20.—2 *Pet. iii. 14, 15.*

CXXXII.

On the Majeſty, Vengeance, Mercy, and Salvation of GOD.

1 LO, how mountains[l] reel and ſhatter . 8
At JEHOVAH's awful nod! . . 7
And, like light'ning, ſoon he'll ſcatter[m] . 8
Sinners with his iron[n] rod, . . . 7
Who refuſeth 4
Here to own him for their God. . . 7

2 Be alarm'd, ye careleſs ſinners,
He to judgment[o] ſoon will come;
And your ſins are ſure forerunners
Of a miſerable doom;
For his vengeance[p]
Will the wicked then conſume!

3 Therefore never dream[q] of heaven
In an unconverted ſtate;
Or that mercy will be given,
Till you in good earneſt wait[r],—
Praying, O God,
In me a clean[s] heart create.

4 O kneel down[t] before your MAKER!
Ye who do not know his love:
Reſt not till each is partaker
Of ſalvation[u] from above,
That for ever
You may all his goodneſs[u] prove.

(l) Jer. iv. 24.—Nah. i. 5.—Hab. iii. 6,---10. (m) Iſa. xxx. 30. (n) Rev. ii. 27.—xix. 15. (o) Matt. xxiv. 44, 50, 51.—Luke xii. 40.—1 Theſ. v. 2.—2 Pet. iii. 10. (p) Nah. i. 2.—2 Theſ. i. 8.—Heb. x. 30, 31. (q) Jude 7, 8. (r) Lam. iii. 25, 26. (s) Pſal. li. 10. (t) Pſal. xcv. 6. (u) Luke i. 77. (u) Pſal. xxiii. 6.

CXXXIII.

A Call to Sinners; with ſome Remarks concerning Faith and its wonderful effects.

1 SINNERS view the ſad[v] condition . . . 8
In which you at preſent are, . . . 7
And draw near with deep contrition[w] . . 8
To the moſt[x] high God in pray'r; . . . 7
He invites[y] you 4
Of his mercy now to ſhare. 7

2 All who after him aſpireth[z],
He to them will favour give;
And the means which he requireth
Is to turn[a] to him and live,
While he calleth
Them his bleſſings to receive.

3 God makes faith[b] the ſole condition;
Faith that ſweetly works by love[c]:
This true faith brings true ſalvation[d],
And makes ev'ry mountain[e] move;
Opens[f] heaven,—
Reacheth up to things[g] above.

4 Faith makes rich[h] while nought poſſeſſing
Feeds the ſoul with heav'nly food;
Sorrowful, always rejoicing,
Faith triumphs[i] through Jeſu's blood:
Faith in action[j]
Graſps and holds faſt ev'ry[k] good.

(v) Iſa. liii. 6.—Gal. iii. 22. (w) Pſal. xxxiv. 18.—Iſa. lvii. 15.—lxvi. 2. (x) Pſal. lii. 2. (y) Iſa. i. 18, 19.—Matt. xi. 28, 29. (z) Pſal. cxlv. 18, 19. (a) Ezek. xviii. 27, 28. (b) Hab. ii. 4.—John iii. 14, - - - 36.—Rom. iii. 19, - - - 31. (c) Gal. v. 6. (d) Mar. xvi. 16.—Acts xvi. 31.—Rom. x. 8, - - - 17. (e) Matt. xvii. 20. (f) Acts vii. 56. (g) Rom. i. 19, 20.—Eph. ii. 4, - - - - 19. (h) 2 Cor. vi. 10.—Jam. ii. 5. (i) 1 John v. 4. (j) 1 Tim. vi. 11, 12.—Jam. ii. 14, - - - 26. (k) 1 Pet. i. 7, 8, 9.

CXXXIV.

On the Love of GOD, *his invitation to Sinners, and of his coming to Judgment.*

1 LO! what love[l] the great CREATOR . 8
Shews in Chriſt to all mankind; . 7
He to be our Mediator[m], ... 8
For his foes his life reſign'd; . . 7
Therefore, ſinners, ... 4
Seek[n] and ye ſhall mercy find. . . 7

2. Do not ſeek in point of merit[o],—
Phariſees[p] themſelves deceive;
'Tis the humble contrite ſpirit
God enables to believe,
Who, in earneſt,
Strive his bleſſings to receive.

3 Haſte to meet the invitation[q],
Ye who wiſh his grace to prove;
So ſhall you obtain ſalvation[r],
And be perfected[ſ] in love,
By receiving
Of his fulneſs[s] from above.

4 God is truly good[t] and gracious[u],
Yet will not the guilty[v] ſpare,
Though our works be e'er ſo ſpacious
Wholly known[w] to him they are;
Wherefore let us
Watch againſt ſin with due care.

(l) 1 John iii. 1, 2, 16. (m) 1 Tim. ii. 5, 6. (n) Matt. vii. 7, - - - 11. (o) Rom. iii. 20. (p) Matt. v. 20.—Luke xviii. 10, - - - 14. (q) Iſa. lv. 1, 2, 3.—Matt. xi. 28, 29, 30. (r) Luke i. 77.—2 Cor. vii. 10. (ſ) Matt. v. 48.—Eph. iv. 13. (s) John i. 16. (t) Pſal. xxxiv. 8.—lxxiii. 1. (u) Neh. ix. 17.—Jonah iv. 2. (v) Exod. xxxiv. 6, 7.—Numb. xiv. 18. (w) Acts xv. 18.—1 John iii. 20.

5 For e'er long, with dreadful burning,
Heav'n[x] and earth ſhall paſs away!
Then will horror, wo, and mourning[y]
Sieze the wicked in that day,
When Chriſt cometh
Righteous judgment to diſplay!

CXXXV.

A Call to ſerious Reflections, Repentance, and Faith.

1 GOD ſpeaks[z]! let man conſider well, . 8
Time ev'ry moment glides away: . 8
Our pulſe each time they beat do tell . . 8
How ſwift we haſten to that day, . . 8
Wherein the laſt great trump[a] ſhall ſound, . 8
And wake the nations all around! . . 8

2 The ſea[b] ſhall then give up her dead,—
The grave[c] reſtore her countleſs prey;
Huge rocks and mountains[d] rend with dread,
And his Almighty pow'r diſplay!
There Chriſt[e], who all our works can tell,
Will order each to heav'n or hell.

3 The time's at hand, the night's[f] far ſpent,—
Why ſhould we in our ſins remain?
O let us truly now repent,
And henceforth righteous works maintain;
For till we thus in God believe,
We only do ourſelves deceive[g].

4 But lo! we can't deceive[h] the Lord!
Our MAKER knows our fallen ſtate,—
How we've departed from his word,
Since he did man at firſt create;
Yet ſtill his unexhauſted love[i]
Calls all eternal life to prove!

(x) 2 Pet. iii. 10. (y) Matt. xxiv. 30. (z) Job xxxiii. 14. (a) 1 Cor. xv. 52.—1 Theſ. iv. 16. (b) Rev. xx. 13. (c) John v. 28, 29. (d) Rev. xvi. 20. (e) Matt. xxv. 31, - - - - - 46. (f) *Rom. xiii. 12.* (g) Gal. vi. 3.—Jam. i. 26.—1 John i. 8. (h) *Eccl. xii. 14.* (i) John iii. 16.

CXXXVI.

Sinners invited and encouraged to come to GOD.

1 COME, ye guilty ſinners, come, . . 7
Turn and you ſhall mercy[j] prove; . 7
For the vileſt there is room . . . 7
In the arms of Jeſu's love! 7
If you pardon would receive, . . . 7
Gladly in his name[k] believe. . . . 7

2 Lo his grace to ALL[l] is free
As the univerſal air!
None for God too bad[m] can be,
Nor of mercy need deſpair,
Who do willingly forſake
Sin that they may life partake.

3 Therefore, ſinners, come to God,—
Now by faith[n] approach his throne;
Own his ſeptre[o] and his rod[p],
By whom ye are ſav'd alone:
Reſt not till you are forgiv'n[q],
And have free acceſs[r] to heav'n.

4 Surely thoſe who would be wiſe
Will not wait another day,
But immediately ariſe,
And for this ſalvation pray,—
Leſt death ſtrike his fatal dart
Through each unrelenting heart.

CXXXVII.

Holy Admonition and Goſpel Promiſes.

1 YE weary wand'rers from the way of peace, 10
When will you from your ſin and folly ceaſe? 10
Seek[s], ye the Lord, now while he may be found, 10
For he is near and mercy doth abound! . 10

(j) Dan. ix. 9. (k) Acts xiii. 39. (l) Pſal. cxlv. 9.—2 Pet. iii. 9. (m) Iſa. i. 18, 19. (n) Heb. x. 22. (o) Pſ. xlv. 6.—Heb. i. 8. (p) Pſal. cx. 2. (q) Acts v. 31. (r) Rom. v. 2.—Eph. ii. 18.—iii. 12. (s) Iſa. lv. 6, 7.

2 Let wicked men the way of ſin forſake,—
Unrighteous men themſelves to pray'r betake;
By faith return unto the Lord again,
And to our God his pardon to obtain.

3 Faithful[s] he is, juſt alſo to forgive;
Whoever will[t], may taſte his grace and live:
Both *Jew* and *Gentile*[u], if they come, may be
Through Chriſt accepted, and from ſin ſet free.

CXXXVIII.

Moral and Evangelical Precepts.

1 ALL nations tremble[v] at the rod . . . 8
Of him who theſe commands do give: 8
Iſrael‡ prepare to meet thy God! . . 8
Seek ye his face, and ye ſhall live. . . 8

2 Turn from oppreſſion, feed the poor,
Be not deceitful, but be juſt;
Bow down to idol gods no more,
But in JEHOVAH put your truſt.

3 Hate ev'ry evil thought and way;
Do good, and therein take delight:
His word with cheerfulneſs obey,
And act uprightly in his ſight.

4 Hear ye this word, O *Baſhan's* kine,
Which in *Samaria's* mountain dwell;
And now from all your ſins decline,
Leſt *Molech* lead you on to hell.

5 For lo, the Lord will ſhortly come!
Thy God, O *Iſrael*, is near!
Repent, and thereby miſs the doom
Which ſinners in that day muſt hear.

(s) 1 John i. 9. (t) Rev. xxii. 17. (u) Rom. x. 12, 13.—Gal. iii. 28.—Col. iii. 11. (v) Pſal. cxiv. 7.—Iſa. lxvi. 2.—Jer. v. 22.

‡ See the fourth and fifth chapters of Amos.

CXXXIX.

Sinners called to Repent, to review the Sufferings of Chriſt, and to believe in his ſaving Power.

1 SINNERS give ear, the great I AM[w], . 8
(Who caus'd the earth to ſwallow[x] up . 8
Coran, Dathan, and *Abiram*) 8
Bids you repent[y] or drink[z] the cup . . . 8
Fill'd with the wine of his fierce wrath, . 8
Prepar'd for thoſe who have not faith. . 8

2 Mercy[a] hath againſt judgment long
Rejoiced in your day of grace[b];
Why will you then the broad-way throng,
And not eternal life embrace?
Ye hearts of ſtone[c], relent to ſee
What Chriſt endur'd[d] to ſet us free.

3 The ploughers[e] ploughed on his back,
Until they made long furrows there!
His tortur'd joints, as on a rack,
And bones[f] did at each other ſtare!
At laſt he yielded[g] up his breath,
Laid[h] down his life, and conquer'd death[i]!

4 Thus wounded[j] for what ſin hath done,
And bruiſed for the ſinners' ſake,
We through his love the curſe[k] may ſhun,—
He by his blood[l] our peace did make;
Which bleſſing all men may receive,
Who in his ſaving pow'r believe[m].

(w) Exod. iii. 14. (x) Num. xvi. 31, 32, 33. (y) Ezek. xiv. 6.—Luke xiii. 3, 5. (z) Pſal. lxxv. 8.—Rev. xvi. 19. (a) Jam. ii. 13. (b) Tit. ii. 11. (c) Ezek. xi. 19.—xxxvi. 26. (d) Heb. xii. 2, 3. (e) Pſal. cxxix. 3. (f) Pſal. xxii. 17. (g) Matt. xxvii. 50. (h) John x. 15, 17, 18. (i) Luke xxiv. 5, 6, 7. (j) Iſa. liii. 5. (k) Gal. iii. 13. (l) Eph. ii. 13, - - - 16. (m) Rom. iii. 22.

5 For God his temple[n] now prepare,
Wherein the Holy Ghoſt ſhould dwell:
Slay ſin, one darling[o] do not ſpare,
Or this will ſhut you up in hell[p]:
The pow'r he gives,—and waits to bleſs
You with eternal[q] happineſs.

CXL.

On the Sufferings and Death of Chriſt, through whoſe name Sinners obtain the Salvation of God.

1 BEHOLD! the Lamb[r] of God was ſlain . 8
From the foundation of the world; . 8
And while expiring full of pain, . . 8
All Satan's rage was at him hurl'd: . . 8
This he endur'd (amazing grace!) . . 8
To ſave a fallen ſinful race. . . . 8

2 Look on him who was pierc'd[ſ], and mourn:
He died on the ſhameful tree!
There view his ſacred body torn,
And made a curſe[s] for you and me!
No ſorrow[t] e'er was like to his,
Or any love[u] ſo great as this!

3 O let us now by faith[v] draw near
With holy boldneſs[w] to his throne:
The worſt[x] of ſinners need not fear,
Who do return through him alone:
Salvation[y] in his name is giv'n,
He is the WAY[z] that leads to heav'n.

(n) 1 Cor. iii. 16, 17.—vi. 19. (o) Heb. xii. 1. (p) Pſal. ix. 17.
(q) 1 John ii. 25. (r) John i. 29, 36.——Rev. xiii. 8.
(ſ) Zech. xii. 10.—John xix. 37.—Rev. i. 7. (s) Gal. iii. 13.
(t) Matt. xxvi. 37, 38. (u) Eph. iii. 19. (v) Heb. x. 22.
(w) Heb. iv. 16. (x) 1 Tim. ii. 4. (y) Luke i. 77.—xxiv. 47.
(z) John xiv. 6.

CXLI.

For Mercy and Salvation.

1 IN mercy view thy creatures, Lord, . . 8
And raiſe us from our fallen[a] ſtate; . 8
Though dead, yet thy life-giving word . 8
Can us anew in Chriſt create[b]: . . . 8
Speak, therefore, with the voice of love, . 8
And let us thy ſalvation prove. . . . 8

2 Why ſhould we lie beneath thy frown
In chains of ſin and miſery?
O come, and with thy favour own,
Make this the joyful jubilee[c],
Wherein from ſin we ſhall find reſt,
And be through Chriſt with pardon bleſt.

CXLII.

The Lord's Prayer Verſified.

1 OUR[d] FATHER which in heaven art, . 8
Hallowed be thy name; 6
Thy kingdom come, in ev'ry heart, . . 8
Till all ſhall know the ſame. 6

2 Thy will be done in earth below,
As it is done in heav'n,—
And daily bread on us beſtow;
Let it this day be giv'n.

3 Forgive us all our treſpaſſes,
As we do wrongs forgive:
Lead us not where temptation is,
Leſt we unholy live.

(a) Rom. iii. 23. (b) Eph. ii. 10. (c) Lev. xxv. 9, &c.
(d) *Matt. vi. 9, - - - 13.*—Luke xi. 2, 3, 4.

4 Deliver us from evil here,—
The kingdom's thine before,
And pow'r and glory ev'ry where,
Likewiſe for evermore.

CXLIII.

For Grace to Repleniſh our wants.

1 WE want the happy art to learn, . . . 8
O Lord, of truſting thee, . . . 6
To reſt without a wrong concern, . . . 8
Whate'er our trials be. 6

2 When call'd to ſuffer[e] for thy ſake,
To Chriſt ſtill may we cleave;
And ſuff'rings joyfully partake,
If we our all[f] muſt leave.

3 We want, when ſin and danger's near,
The pow'r of faith to prove
True faith[g], that ſaves from ſlaviſh fear,
Accompany'd by love.

4 A victory[h] we want to gain,
O'er frowns and flatt'ring charms:
The truth with courage to maintain,
Unmov'd by falſe alarms.

5 Come, Lord, repleniſh all our wants
With more of thy free grace;
For, like the hunted h art[i] that pants,
We thirſt to ſee thy face.

CXLIV.

Complaint and Prayer.

1 REMEMBER, O remember, Lord, . . 8
The weakneſs of thy ſaints; . . 6
And now, by thy life-giving[j] word, . . 8
Remove all our complaints. 6

(e) 2 Tim. iii. 12. (f) Luke xiv. 33. (g) Gal. v. 6.
(h) 1 John v. 4. (i) Pſal. xlii. 1. (j) Matt. viii. 8.

2 From unbelief, impatience, pride
We find ourſelves not free:
Our hearts likewiſe prone to backſlide,
Prone to depart from thee.

3 Our giddy minds would rove abroad;
Our feet are apt to ſtray:
They ſcarcely miſs the downward road,
Or keep the narrow way.

4 Unprofitable[k] ſervants in
What we are taught to do
We are,—but, Lord, forgive all ſin
Committed hitherto.

5 O grant that ev'ry one may feel
A thirſt for things above,
And perſevere with conſtant zeal
In all the ways of love.

CXLV.

Confeſſion and Prayer.

1 GREAT God[l]! the courſe we take is wrong, 8
Hence we deſerve thy frown: . . 6
To duties‖ we are drag'd along, . . 8
And this with ſhame we own. . . . 6

2 How cold are we? how loath to pray,
Or ſeek the things above?
Hereby we do thy calls gainſay,
And daily grieve thy love.

(k) Luke xvii. 10. (l) Deut. x. 17.—2 Chron. ii. 5.

‖ Let the half-hearted in the work of God attend carefully to the awful meſſage written to the Church of the Laodiceans, which equally belongs to all other lukewarm Profeſſors,—*I know thy works, &c. Rev. iii. 14, &c.*

3 If thou ſhould all our miſdeeds mark[m],
And thy dread pow'r diſplay,
Alas! we wilfully are dark
Amidſt the blaze of day.

4 We therefore grieve, and now confeſs
That we deſerve to die;
But, O thou God of mercy bleſs[n],
And let us feel thee nigh.

5 Through Chriſt thy mercy magnify[o],
And all our ſins[p] forgive,
That we may henceforth glorify
Thee while on earth we live.

6 Deſcend and let thy love inſpire,
For we are ſeeking reſt:
Come, ſpirit of refining[q] fire,
Glow bright in ev'ry breaſt.

CXLVI.

Confeſſion and Prayer.

1 KIND as thou art, we faithleſs are 8
To truſt a loving[r] God; . . . 6
Who waiteth long, and ſtill doth ſpare 8
Us who deſerve thy rod. . . . 6

2 Deep in our hearts impreſs thy love,
Thou Saviour[s] of mankind;
And from thy glorious throne above
Let each one comfort find.

3 Vanquiſh like ſmoke our doubts and fears,
And bid the ſun ariſe[s],
That darkneſs or diſtreſſing tears
May not afflict our eyes.

(m) Pſal. cxxx. 3. (n) Pſal. cxlv. 8, 9. (o) Gen. xix. 19.
(p) Matt. ix. 6. (q) Zech. xiii. 9.—Mal. iii. 2, 3. (r) 1 John iv. 9.
(s) Iſa. xlv. 21, 22.—Jude 25. (s) Mal. iv. 2.

4 With grateful thoughts much more enlarge
Our love to all thy ways,
That we our duty may diſcharge,
And ſpread abroad thy praiſe.

CXLVII.

For the Holy Spirit, in alluſion to Ezekiel's Viſion of dry Bones, Ezek. xxxvii. 4, &c.

1 O Lord, thy Holy[t] Spirit give, . . . 8
For we in earneſt cry: 6
O breathe and theſe dry bones ſhall live . 8
That now do lifeleſs lie. 6

2 Speak, that the ſinews may unite;
Bid fleſh begin to grow;
Cover with ſkin and faſhion right,
And perfect us below.

3 Lo, ſhould we noiſe and ſhaking hear,
Bone ſhall come to his bone,
Till a great army doth appear,
Rais'd by thy pow'r alone.

4 Within[u] us put thy Spirit, Lord,
That we may live to thee;
And ſpread abroad with one accord
The wond'rous works we ſee.

CXLVIII.

Prayer, with acknowledgements of Unfruitfulneſs, in alluſion to the Barren Figtree, Matt. xxi. 19, 20.

1 LORD, riſe and rend the rocks[v] in twain; 8
Break up our fallow[w] ground: . . . 6
Sow living ſeed[x], that we again . . . 8
With good fruit may abound. . . . 6

(t) Luke xi. 13. (u) Ezek. xxxvi. 25, 26.——xxxvii. 14.
(v) Luke viii. 6. (w) Jer. iv. 3.—Hoſ. x. 12. (x) 1 John iii. 9.

2 For like the barren *fig-tree* dry,
Whereon was found no fruit,
'Twere juſt to curſe as thou goes by,
And pine to death our root.

3 We ſometimes bloſſom bright and fair,
And have our branches green;
But little fruit doth yet appear,
If any to be ſeen.

4 Lord, that we may of life partake,
From death prevent us now;
And dig[y], and dung, and prune, and make
Fruit hang on ev'ry bough.

5 Send grace in ſhowers from above,
Our ſouls to fructify,
That faith, and hope, and humble love
May all defects ſupply.

6 Thus fruit[z] ſhall in due ſeaſon grow,
Like cluſters on the vine;
And prove to all the world below,
We in thy likeneſs ſhine.

CXLIX.

That Sinners may be converted till righteouſneſs ſhall cover the Earth.

1 ARISE, great God[a]! ariſe, . . . 6
And rend the veil away 6
From ev'ry ſinner's heart and eyes, . . . 8
Who for damnation pray. 6

2 No longer let them ſleep[b],
Leſt they ſhould wake in hell[c];
And there in ſorrow wail and weep
Where fallen ſpirits dwell.

(y) *Luke xiii.* 8. (z) Pſal. i. 3. (a) Deut. x. 17. (b) Eph. v. 14. (c) *Luke xvi.* 23.

3 O let thy inward voice[d]
Rouſe ev'ry careleſs ſoul,
That thoſe of virtue may make choice,
Which love in ſin to roll.

4 In Jeſu's[e] name we pray
That all the human race
May yield and own thy kingly ſway,
While call'd to ſeek thy face.

5 Haſten that happy day,
When ſinners ſhall inquire
In earneſt for the *good old way*[f],
And after God aſpire.

6 Make truth and righteouſneſs
To overſpread[g] the earth;
Till all the heathen[h] do poſſeſs
Chriſt by an heav'nly birth.

CL.

That the Heathen may be converted from Idolatry and Superſtition to the Knowledge of the true GOD.

1 ALMIGHTY God! lay to thine hand, . 8
Looſe all who are in fetters bound: . 8
Thy goſpel[i] ſpread through ev'ry land, . 8
That truth may Anti-chriſt confound. . . 8

2 O ſhew the heathen[j] gracious God!
That preſent every where thou art:
Break all their idols with thy rod,
And make Chriſt known in ev'ry heart.

3 Shew theſe who worſhip wood[k] and ſtone
The Saviour freely dy'd for all[l];
And that his blood doth ſtill atone[m]
For them which down to idols fall.

(d) John v. 25. (e) John xiv. 13, 14. (f) Jer. vi. 16.
(g) Iſa. xi. 9.—Hab. ii. 14. (h) Pſal. ii. 8. (i) Matt. xxiv. 14.
(j) Zeph. ii. 11. (k) Deut. xxix. 17.—Iſa. xliv. 17.—Hab. ii. 19.
(l) *1 Tim. ii. 6.* (m) Rom. v. 11.

4 Shew ſuch as molten[n] idols have,
Of braſs[o], of ſilver[p], and of gold[q]:
They truſt in gods that cannot ſave,
As did idolaters of old.

5 From ſuperſtition ſet them free,
And all their ignorance remove,
That they may ſin's deception ſee,
And ſeek ſalvation from above.

6 Where darkneſs reigns let light[r] appear:
Where ſin abounds thy grace[f] diſplay,
Till unbelievers every where
Believe, and all thy laws obey.

7 So ſhall the heathen all[s] draw near,
And their benign Creator[t] own:
JEHOVAH[u] ſerve with holy fear,
And to no other God[v] bow down.

CLI.

On the ſad effects which follow Sin, and of the kind interpoſition of Love to prevent them.

1 WHAT vaſt deſtruction in the earth[w] . 8
Hath ſin, that cruel monſter, wrought? 8
It pain[x], diſeaſes[y], famine[z], dearth[a], . . 8
And death[b] itſelf on all hath brought. . 8

2 Through all the world with rapid ſpeed,
It hath its baneful poiſon[c] ſpread,
And ſtill doth thouſands captive lead
To bondage, miſery, and dread.

(n) Exod. xxxii. 4.—Judg. xvii. 4.—Iſa. xliv. 10. (o) Rev. ix. 20. (p) Pſal. cxxxv. 15, --- 18.—Hoſ. viii. 4. (q) Dan. iii. 1. —v. 23. (r) Iſa. xlii. 6, 7.—lx. 3.—Luke i. 79. (ſ) Zech. xiii. 1.—Rom. v. 15.—2 Cor. ix. 8.—Tit. ii. 11. (s) Heb. viii. 11. (t) Col. i. 16. (u) Pſal. lxxxiii. 18. (v) Dan. iii. 29. (w) Gen. vi. 12.—Pſal. xc. 3.—Micah. ii. 10.—Rom. iii. 16. (x) Nah. ii. 10.—Rom. viii. 22. (y) Deut. xxviii. 60.—Iſa. li. 19. (z) Jer. xxiv. 10.—Matt. xxiv. 7. (a) Gen. xli. 54.—Acts xi. 28. (b) Rom. v. 12. (c) Pſal. lviii. 4.

3 Hence devaſtation, rage, and war
Strange revolutions often make:
Tumult and noiſe is heard from far,
By thoſe who do God's law forſake.

4 Sin like a deluge doth o'erflow,
And ſweep its willing ſubjects hence:
To miſery ſome daily go,
Which is a righteous recompence.

5 Lo! nations ſwiftly paſs away,
And lie forgotten in the grave:
The poor, the rich, the great, the gay,
Riches from death can no one ſave.

6 Monarchs are forc'd to quit the throne,
And bow to death's reſiſtleſs pow'r;
None are exempted, no not one,—
The change alike to all[d] is ſure.

7 But O, how great is Jeſu's love?
He, to redeem the fallen race,
Came freely[e] from his throne above,
That all[f] might know his ſaving grace.

8 He conquer'd death[g] and open'd heav'n
By dying on the curſed tree;
And in his name ſalvation's[h] giv'n,—
'Tis for the worſt of ſinners free.

CLII.

On ſin, with its effects, and the willingneſs of God to ſave us from it.

1 HOW weak at firſt is ev'ry child, . . 8
Though free from ſin* and blame? . 6
Their innocence, how ſoon defil'd, . . 8
And ſwallow'd up in ſhame? . . . 6

(d) Heb. ix. 27. (e) Heb. x. 7. (f) Iſa. xlv. 22.—lii. 10. (g) Eph. iv. 8.—Rev. vi. 2. (h) Acts xiii. 47.—Heb. v. 9.

*For an anſwer to thoſe who ſupport the doctrine of original ſin, *ſee the note on Baptiſm, page 16, &c.*

2 Alas! we early† ſin, and feel
A ſinful nature grow:
This God in mercy doth reveal[i],
And by his ſpirit ſhow.

3 He ſhows that in this fallen ſtate,
Except we're born[j] again,
We for ourſelves a hell[k] create
Of miſery and pain.

4 Nor have we pow'r to make this change[l]
Without the help of grace[m]:
Converſion ſeems a work quite ſtrange
For nature[n] to embrace.

5 But God doth, by a ſmall ſtill voice[o],
Bid us his grace[p] receive;
Hence, if we ſtill make ſin our choice,
We do his Spirit grieve.

6 For he gives pow'r[q] to all mankind,
That they to him may cry:
The vileſt may forgiveneſs find,
And in his favour die.

7 Therefore, if we reſiſt[r] his love,
And will[r] not uſe his pow'r,
We ſhall our own tormentors prove,
When we his wrath[s] endure.

8 'Tis vain to think on *Calvary*[t]
Chriſt ſhould for ſinners bleed,
And yet deſign our miſery,
Moſt horrid thought indeed!

(i) John xvi. 8. (j) John iii. 3,---8. (k) Rom. (l) John xv. 5. (m) Eph. ii. 5, 8. (n) 1 Cor. ii. 14. (o) 1 Ki 12. (p) Gal. i. 6. (q) John i. 12. (r) Acts vii. 5 2 Tim. iii. 8. (s) John v. 40. (s) Rom. i. 18.—Eph. Col. iii. 6. (t) Luke xxiii. 33.

† Many children die before they can commit *actual ſin*; have been very remarkable for early piety: Hence the Pſalm Pſalm lviii. 3. can only mean, that many children are eſtranged fr womb through the bad precepts and ill example of the wicked; *this account, they* go aſtray and ſpeak lies as ſoon as they can *guiſh betwixt truth* and falſehood.

9 God willeth not that one ſhould die[u],
He bids us turn and live:
Let none his gifts[v] or grace[w] deny,
But gladly both receive.

CLIII.

Grace, the free gift of God, and boaſting excluded.

1 ALAS! how vain[x] is fallen[y] man? . 8
How prone to vice and ev'ry ill? . . 8
And, without Chriſt[z], do what he can, . 8
He can't perform God's righteous will. . 8

2 He cannot ſpeak[a] one holy word,
Or even think[b] one thought aright;
Nor do a work[c] before the Lord,
That is well pleaſing in his ſight.

3 'Tis then no more by works[d] but grace,—
God's own free[e] grace through Jeſus giv'n,
That *Adam* or his ſinful race
Can have or know their ſin's forgiv'n.

4 O praiſe the Lord, 'twas God moſt high,
Who freely gave[f] his only Son!
He to atone[g] did alſo die
For what the human race had done!

5 And lo, 'twas Jeſu's own free choice
Herein to do[h] his Father's will,
That ſinners might in hope[i] rejoice,
And prove that God can ſave[j] them ſtill.

(u) Ezek. xviii. 32.—xxxiii. 11. (v) Rom. vi. 23.—xi. 29. (w) Prov. iii. 34.—Jam. iv. 6.—1 Pet. v. 5. (x) Gen. viii. 21. —Jer. ii. 5. (y) Gen. iii. 6, &c. (z) John xv. 5. (a) Matt. xii. 34. —Jam. iii. 8. (b) Gen. vi. 5.—Prov. xv. 26.—Iſa. lix. 7. (c) Gal. ii. 16. (d) Eph. ii. 9. (e) Rom. iii. 24.—v. 16, 18. —viii. 32.—1 Cor. ii. 12.—Rev. xxii. 17. (f) John iii. 16. (g) Rom. v. 11. (h) Heb. x. 7, 9. (i) Rom. v. 2. (j) Zech. ix. 16.—Heb. vii. 25.

6 No room to boaſt[k], no room have we
Of ought we think, or ſpeak, or do:
All good in us is wrought[l] by thee,
Whoſe Spirit maketh all things new[m].

7 Not unto us[n], but God we'll give
All honour, glory, thanks, and praiſe;
By whoſe free grace alone we live,—
Be this our portion all our days.

CLVI.

On the goodneſs of GOD, *and the vanity of the Creature.*

1 GOD willeth[o] not at all 6
Deſtruction to mankind; . . . 6
Lo, Chriſt, to ſave us from the fall, . . 8
Freely his life reſign'd! 6

2 He to avert the wrath
That flam'd with threat'ning dread,
Was made a curſe[p], and thereby hath
Our foes all captive[q] led.

3 Yet, heedleſs of the way
That leads to joys above,
From thy pure laws we often ſtray,
And grieve the God of love[r].

4 We vainly dream of reſt,
But rarely ſeek it right,
Suppoſing earthly things are beſt,
In which we moſt delight.

5 Thus robb'd of light[s] divine,
Strange fires conſume our peace,—
While all the pow'rs of hell combine,
Our bondage to increaſe.

(k) Rom. iii. 27. (l) Phil. ii. 13.—Col. i. 29. (m) Rev. xxi. 5.
(n) *Pſal. cxv.* 1. (o) Ezek. xxxiii. 11. (p) Gal. iii. 13.
(q) *Eph. iv. 8.* (r) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (s) Luke xi. 33.

6 O thou whoſe bowels[s] move
With pity to mankind,
Now ſend thy Spirit from above,
That we true peace[t] may find.

7 Head[u] of thy church, unite
Our feeble ſouls to thee,
That we may praiſe thee with delight
To all eternity.

CLV.

Remarks on the great Love of God *as diſplayed to mankind.*

1 God's love[v] we may trace, . . 5
Through Jeſus's grace, . . . 5
To *Adam* and all his degenerate race. . . 11

2 The vileſt may ſee
How full and how free
This love was diſplay'd[w] when he pray'd on the tree.

3 Grim death to invade,
Atonement[x] he made,
And bore all our ſins, which upon him were laid[y]!

4 Though 'twas with much pain
Our peace to regain,
In triumph o'er death[z], he the monſter hath ſlain!

5 Amazing what love
His bowels doth move!
He calls upon all[a] men ſalvation to prove.

6 By faith then draw near,
And pray without fear;
The God[b] of *Elijah* is waiting to hear.

(s) Iſa. lxiii. 15. (t) John xiv. 27. (u) Eph. v. 23. (v) 1 John iv. 9, 10. (w) Luke xxiii. 34. (x) Rom. v. 11. (y) Iſa. liii. 6. (z) 2 Tim. i. 10.—Heb. ii. 14, 15. (a) Iſa. xlv. 22.—Tit. ii. 11. (b) 2 Kings ii. 14.

7 He anſwers by fire[c],
The humble deſire,
And freely beſtows what poor ſinners require.

8 We therefore attend;
O God now deſcend,—
Conſume, and for ever of ſin make an end.

CLVI.

God commendeth his Love to Sinners.

1 GOD, fully to prove 5
His infinite love, ... 5
Commendeth[d] it to us in Chriſt from above. . 11

2 While ſinners we were
In doubt and in fear,
With boundleſs compaſſion the Saviour drew near.

3 That we might obtain
God's favour again,
This lover of ſinners for ſinners was ſlain[e].

4 What ſpirit that fell,
Or ſeraph can tell,
The pain he endured to ſave us from hell?

5 Lo! ſtill at God's throne
His blood doth atone[f],
And makes interceſſion[g] for ſinners alone.

6 Aſtoniſhing grace!
That God ſhould embrace,
And give ſuch large bleſſings unto a loſt race.

7 Sure, Lord, it is meet
To fall at thy feet,
This wonder[h] of wonders with joy to repeat!

(c) 1 Kin. xviii. 24, --- 38. (d) Rom. v. 8. (e) Acts ii. 23.
(f) Rom. v. 14. (g) Heb. vii. 25. (h) Heb. ii. 9.

8 Our free ſacrifice
Of thanks now ſhall riſe:
With angels we'll echo thy praiſe through the ſkies.

CLVII.

For freedom from Sin and fitneſs for Heaven.

1 O LORD, ſet us free, ... 5
Who call upon thee, ... 5
For long we have lived in captivity. . . . 11

2 Now break off our chains,
And purge out the ſtains
Of ſin, and deſtroy all its curſed remains.

3 Could we but believe[h]
We all ſhould receive
Thy Spirit, to help us obedient to live.

4 We therefore reſign
Ourſelves to be thine,
And earneſtly ſtrive for the kingdom divine.

5 Come, heavenly Dove[i],
Transform us in love,
And make us all meet for the manſions[k] above.

CLVIII.

For God to ſave; with Remarks concerning his Power.

1 ARM[l] of the Lord awake! 6
Put on thy ſtrength to ſave, . . . 6
And raiſe the dead[m], for Jeſu's ſake, . . . 8
Like *Lazarus*[n] from the grave. 6

(i) Mar. ix. 23.—xi. 24. (j) Mar. i. 10. (k) John xiv. 2.
(l) Iſa. li. 9.—liii. 1. (m) 1 Pet. ii. 24. (n) John xi. 43, 44.

2 Take off the galling yoke[o]
Of ſin and miſery,
And let the fetters all be broke,
Of our captivity.

3 By LOVE's ſubduing pow'r[p]
The force of ſin repel;
And ſave us in temptation's[q] hour
From all the pow'rs of hell.

4 When waves[r] like mountains riſe,
Calm thou the raging ſea;
Force all that hell can e'er deviſe,
To bow[ſ] and yield to thee.

5 Lo! how they ſtand aghaſt
Amidſt yon burning lake[s],
Who into hell for ſin were caſt:
They tremble[t], fear, and quake!

6 Whilſt myriads round thy throne,
Of ſaints[u] and angels bright,
Exulting there praiſe God alone
With wonder and delight!

7 Alſo at thy dread nod,
The wicked[v] here are ſlain!
They feel, when ſmitten[w] with thy rod,
Excruciating pain!

8 But Jeſu's little[x] flock
Are in thy ſight approv'd:
Their church is built upon a rock[y],
Which cannot be remov'd.

(o) Nah. i. 13.—Gal. v. 1. (p) Phil. iii. 21. (q) 1 Cor. x. 1
(r) Job xxxviii. 11.—Pſal. xciii. 3, 4. (ſ) Prov. xiv. 19.—Phil. ii. 1
(s) Rev. xix. 20.—xx. 10, 14, 15.—xxi. 8. (t) Jam. ii. 1
(u) Rev. vii. 9, --- 12. (v) Gen. xix. 24. (w) Iſa. xi.
(x) Luke xii. 32. (y) Matt. xvi. 18.

9 Throughout this weary[z] land
That rock[a] ſhall be our ſhade:
Our covert thy eternal[b] hand,
By whom all things were made!

10 So ſhall we conquer death[c],
And triumph o'er the grave:
Behold, and with our lateſt breath
Praiſe him who thus can ſave.

CLIX.

On Thunder and Lightening.

1 ALMIGHTY God[d]! how great art thou? 8
In ev'ry place thy pow'r is known: . 8
Beneath thy rod[e] the wicked bow, . . 8
And own[f] that thou art God alone. . . 8

2 When thunder[g] from on high doth roll
With awful noiſe through earth and ſkies;
Where ſin is, fear arreſts the ſoul
With ſudden horror and ſurpriſe!

3 Guilt flaſhes in the ſinner's face,—
For conſcience[h] God's vicegerent ſpeaks,
And forcibly deſcribes his caſe:
Hence, while alarm'd, he mercy ſeeks.

4 Of death afraid and ſelf-condemn'd,
His naked ſoul he fain would ſcreen:
All things around him ſeems inflam'd,
That juſt before were quite ſerene.

5 Not ſo with thoſe who feel his love!
When forked light'nings ſwiftly fly,
They know JEHOVAH reigns above,
And in his arms[i] they ſafely lie.

(z) Iſa. xxxii. 2. (a) 1 Cor. x. 4. (b) Deut. xxxiii. 27.
(c) 1 Cor. xv. 54, - - - 57. (d) Gen. xvii. 1. (e) Iſa. xi. 4.
(f) Dan. vi. 24. (g) Exod. ix. 23.—1 Sam. vii. 10.—xii. 17, 18, 19.
—Iſa. xxix. 6. (h) Rom. ii. 15. (i) Deut. xxxiii. 27.

6 Each ſaint his Saviour doth behold,
Whilſt vivid flames doth round him play:
By faith he ſtands divinely bold[j];
Joyful in that terrific day!

7 No ſlaviſh fear[k] of future dread
Can ever bind his ſoul in chains;
For through all dangers he is led
By God, who his ſupport[l] remains!

8 Secure on Chriſt his hopes[m] are built;
Should heav'n and earth now paſs away,
He ſtands abſolv'd[n] from ſin and guilt,—
For who[o] ought to his charge ſhall lay?

CLX.

On Divine Mercy.

1 GREAT God[p]! thy love and ſov'reign care, 8
As univerſal[q] as the air, . . . 8
Doth mercy ſpread to *Adam's* race, . . 8
In ev'ry age through earth's wide ſpace! . 8
'Twas mercy that our being gave, . . 8
Which ſtill doth interpoſe to ſave. . . 8

2 Lo, when the firſt moſt happy pair
Had plung'd themſelves in deep deſpair,
And were for ſin condemn'd to die,
Mercy as quick as thought did fly,—
Did promiſe that the woman's[r] ſeed
Should bruiſe the ſerpent's head indeed!

3 And though mankind continues vile,
In love with ſin which doth defile;
Still Jeſus prays and intercedes[ſ],
And for the worſt of ſinners pleads!
Hence we are ſpar'd and call'd to prove
The pow'r of his redeeming[t] love.

(j) Prov. xxviii. 1. (k) 1 John iv. 18. (l) Exod. xv. 2. (m) Rom. v. 2. (n) 1 Cor. vi. 11. (o) Rom. viii. 33. (p) Deut. x. 17. (q) Rom. x. 12, 13. (r) Gen. iii. 15. (ſ) Heb. vii. 25. (t) Gal. iii. 13.

4 Kind mercy various means doth uſe,
That man may not damnation chuſe:
'Tis mercy warns[t] of danger near,
And bids the heedleſs ſinner fear[u]:
'Tis mercy that diſcovers ſin[v],
And all our maladies[w] within.

5 By mercy, lo! the goſpel's[x] ſpread!
By mercy hungry[y] ſouls are fed;
Salvation[z] mercy ſounds abroad,
To all who throng the downward road!
Turn[a], mercy cries, turn now and live,
In Chriſt eternal[b] life receive!

6 And in temptation's[c] darkeſt hour
Mercy diſplays her ſaving pow'r;
With courage[d] makes the humble ſtand,
And all hell's adverſe pow'rs command:
Unſhaken firmly[e] they remain
Through health and ſickneſs, loſs and gain.

7 Mercy doth all the faithful keep,
When they paſs through[f] death's wat'ry deep:
Mercy doth ſet them on that ſhore,
Where nought can grieve[g] or vex them more;
There mercy their ſupport will be,
And ſong to all eternity!

CLXI.

Remarks on the Attributes of God.

1 TREMENDOUS God! by thy command, 8
On heaps[h] the ſeas like mountains ſtand; 8
And ſurging waves with ſolemn roar[i], 8
Reſounds thy praiſe from ſhore to ſhore! 8

(t) Col. i. 28.—Tit. ii. 11. (u) Pſal. xxxiii. 8.—Luke xii. 5. (v) John xvi. 8. (w) Iſa. i. 6.—Rom. vii. 18. (x) Mar. xvi. 15. (y) Pſal. cvii. 9.—Matt. v. 6. (z) Iſa. lii. 10.—Luke i. 77.—iii. 6. (a) Ezek. xviii. 32. (b) Rom. vi. 23. (c) 1 Cor. x. 13. (d) Joſh. i. 9. (e) Heb. iii. 6. (f) Pſal. xxiii. 4. (g) Rev. xxi. 4. (h) Exod. xv. 8.—Pſal. lxxviii. 13. (i) Jer. xxxi. 35.

2 Wind, rain, and thunder, hail and ſtorms,—
Light'ning and fire, in all their forms,
Are each ſubſervient[j] unto thee,
Govern'd by thine all-wiſe decree!

3 Dreadful phænomenons[k] have been,
Should ſtill more awful ones be ſeen:
'Tis thine omnipotence that ſhakes
The rending rocks and earth that quakes!

4 Lo! heav'n[l] and earth, all things that are,
Do thine almighty pow'r declare!
Hence hell[m] doth tremble at thy nod,
And own that thou alone art God.

5 Great God[n]! thy pow'r is great indeed!
Yet it doth not thy love exceed:
Thine attributes all brightly ſhine,
But none more bright than love[o] divine!

6 Who? who ſufficient ſtrains can raiſe
This glorious attribute to praiſe?
Let thoſe who do ſalvation prove
For ever own the cauſe is LOVE[p]!

CLXII.

On the Sovereignty of GOD.

1 THE mighty God[q]! let nations own,
And to his ſovereign ſway ſubmit:
At whoſe dread nod, kings[r] all bow down,
And conqu'rors do confounded[f] ſit.

2 Behold his works, how great! how wiſe!
Throughout the vaſt creation wide:
Above, beneath, through earth and ſkies,
He over[s] all things doth preſide.

(j) Exod. ix. 18, - - - 29.—1 Sam. xii. 16, - - - 19. (k) Nu
31, 32, 33.—Matt. xxvii. 51. (l) Pſal. xix. 1. (m)
19.—Rev. xx. 14. (n) Deut. x. 17. (o) John xv. 1
Rom. v. 8, - - - - 21. (p) Heb. ii. 9, - - - 13. (q) Pſ
(r) Pſal. lxxii. 11. (f) Jer. xlviii. 14, - - - 20. (s) 1 Chron. x

3 In praiſe[t] moſt gladly they combine,
To ſhew his majeſty and might,
And hence by day the ſun doth ſhine,
So doth the moon and ſtars by night.

4 Loud peals of thunder ſometimes roar,
And flaming light'nings flaſh abroad:
Theſe faintly ſhew his might and pow'r
To us while earth is our abode.

5 His earthquakes ſhake and rend the ground,
Which large ſtupendous chaſms form!
And rapid floods are often found
To add force when he ſends a ſtorm.

6 The clouds he empties, or makes full,
And rules the ſea[u] when raging moſt;
He giveth fleecy ſnow[v] like wool,—
Like aſhes ſcatt'reth the hoar froſt.

7 His hand doth ſend[w] or withhold rain,
And makes hail by the wind be driv'n:
The hills, the vales, and ev'ry plain
He waters with the dew of heav'n.

8 With herbs and trees he decks the field,
To make the flow'ry carpet green:
Nature exults her fruit to yield,
In ev'ry plant his pow'r is ſeen.

9 The birds with warbling notes do ſing
On high their great Creator's praiſe:
Fiſhes and beaſts do alſo bring
Him conſtant homage all their days.

10 Both day and night, and time and ſpace
Do their appointed courſe fulfil:
Theſe all obey, but *Adam's* race
Have ſinn'd[x], and are rebellious ſtill.

(t) Pſal. cxlv. 10. (u) Pſal. lxv. 7. (v) Pſal. cxlvii. 16.
(w) Jam. v. 17, 18. (x) Rom. iii. 23.

3 They feel compaſſion[w] for mankind,
(And if ſo bleſt) the poor[x] they feed;
They ſtrive to have their will reſign'd[y]
To God in ev'ry[z] thought and deed[a].

4 They friends and foes in want relieve[b],
And are long-ſuff'ring[c], gentle[d], kind[e];
With pleaſure they do wrongs forgive,—
To rage and anger[f] not inclin'd.

5 They ſeek no reſt in names or forms,
For help[g] to God in pray'r they flee:
They're calm[h] midſt all the raging ſtorms
Of this ſhort life's tempeſt'ous ſea.

6 When falſe profeſſors diſappear,
With ev'ry grace[i] adorn'd theſe ſhine:
Thus fortified, they perſevere[j],
And never murmur[k] or repine.

7 They're not puft up when mortals ſmile,
Nor by their threat'ning looks caſt down;
And let what will their names revile,
The croſs[l] they bear to wear a crown[m]!

CLXV.

Remarks on Religion, Caution to Hypocrites, and Encouragement to Believers.

1 LO! virtue's path[n] is falſely trod, . . 8
If here its pleaſures are not known; . 8
The ſaint has free acceſs[o] to God, . . 8
And lives by faith to him alone. . . . 8

(w) Heb. x. 34. (x) Prov. xxii. 9. (y) Pſal. cxliii. 10. (z) 2 Cor. x. 5. (a) Col. iii. 17. (b) Lev. xxv. 35.—Rom. xii. 20. (c) 2 Cor. vi. 6. (d) 1 Theſ. ii. 7. (e) Eph. iv. 32. (f) Prov. xvi. 32. (g) Acts xxvi. 22. (h) 2 Cor. iv. 8, 9. (i) Eph. iv. 24. (j) Eph. vi. 18. (k) 1 Cor. x. 10. (l) Matt. x. 38. (m) Rev. ii. 10. (n) Prov. iv. 18. (o) Rom. v. 2.—Eph. iii. 18.—iii. 12.

2 'Tis true he's not[p] exempt from pain,
From loſſes, trouble, toil, and care;
But God doth his ſupport remain,
And theſe all ſanctified are.

3 The *Tempter* may ſuggeſt and try
To bring diſtreſs and ſlaviſh fear;
But to the tempted[q] God is nigh,
And ſaves his people ev'ry where!

4 From heav'n the Holy Ghoſt[r] reveals
A certain† knowledge of true peace:
The more the ſaint his weakneſs[ſ] feels,
The more God doth his ſtrength increaſe.

5 Hereby then let men aſcertain
How far God's favour they've received;
For till his pardon they obtain,
They've no true peace, but are deceiv'd.

6 To this, ye hypocrites, give ear,
And ſearch into your dang'rous ſtate:
Ye falſe profeſſors, quake for fear,
For your vain[s] worſhip God doth hate[t].

7 But ye memorials[u] of the Lord,
Who bear his mark of holineſs[v],—
Fear not, but ſtill his love record,
And joyfully his name confeſs.

8 Your trials here will ſoon be o'er,
Then you ſhall have your full reward;
And reign[w] with him for evermore
In manſions by himſelf prepar'd!

(p) John xvi. 33. (q) 1 Cor. x. 13. (r) Heb. x. 15, 16, 17.
(ſ) 2 Cor. xii. 10. (s) Matt. xv. 7, 8, 9. (t) Amos v. 21.
(u) Exod. xiii. 9. (v) Eph. iv. 24. (w) Rev. xxii. 5.

† The Prophet tells us, that *the work of righteouſneſs ſhall be peace, and the effect of righteouſneſs, quietneſs and* ASSURANCE *for ever*, Iſa. xxxii. 17. but hypocrites and unbelievers of every ſort are entire ſtrangers to this.

CLXVI.

On the peaceable nature of Chriſt's Kingdom.

1 CHRIST's kingdom is a place of peace[x], 8
Of everlaſting joy and love: . . 8
All war§, and rage, and tumults ceaſe, . 8
And nought that's hoſtile there can move. . 8

2 Wrath cannot come, or blood be ſhed
In that harmonious place of reſt:
No mangled bodies there lie dead,
But all with endleſs[y] life are bleſt!

3 The wolf[z] doth there dwell with the lamb;
The leopard with the kid doth lie:
The calf, young lion, fatling ram,
All live in ſweeteſt harmony!

4 A little child them all doth lead,
And has no cauſe to be afraid:
The cow and bear, their young ones feed
Together—having friendſhip made.

5 The lion tamely ſtraw doth eat
With pleaſure, like the gentle ox:
The ſucking child and aſp doth meet
To play in holes among the rocks.

6 The weaned child his hand doth put
Into the cockatrice's den:
They hurt not in God's mountain, but
All praiſe the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

(x) Iſa. ix. 6, 7. (y) Matt. xxv. 46. (z) Iſa. xi. 6, --- 9.

§ See Robert Barclay's Apology, page 556, ſect. xiii.

CLXVII.

On the Houſe, Prophets, and People of God.

1 THE Lord himſelf hath ſaid, mine[a] houſe ſhall be 10
An houſe of pray'r for ev'ry nation free! 10
Of this‖ then let not hirelings ever make . 10
A den of thieves who hire for preaching take. 10

(a) Iſa. lvi. 7.—Matt. xxi. 13.—Mar. xi. 17.—Luke xix. 46.

‖ In the open air it would be improper to uſe the word *this*, becauſe it implies being in a houſe; but every houſe where God is publicly worſhiped, as well as the Temple at Jeruſalem, ought to be conſidered as filled with the Lord's preſence. Jeſus ſaith, *where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midſt of them*, Matt. xviii. 20. This is known and underſtood by his children; here they ſit under the droppings of his ſanctuary, feel and know the *Holy One of Iſrael*. Sometimes they are remarkably refreſhed by hearing the faithful miniſters of the goſpel freely deliver what they freely receive from God,—for they are all baptized into one ſpirit, and they hereby know that he that hath ſent them is true: But where God thus condeſcends to meet his children, the place ought not to be defiled by hireling preachers and money-changers who make merchandize of the goſpel; teaching only *for filthy lucre's ſake*, Tit. i. 11. leſt God, who is jealous of his glory, ſay, as he did in the days of old, *Who hath required this at your hand to tread my courts?* Iſa. i. 12. *Thus ſaith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, they bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war againſt him*, Micah. iii. 5. *I have not ſent theſe prophets, yet they ran: I have not ſpoken to them, yet they prophecied*, Jer. xxiii. 21. *Therefore, behold I am againſt the prophets, ſaith the Lord, that ſteal my words every one of his neighbour. Behold, I am againſt the prophets, ſaith the Lord, that uſe their tongues, and ſay, He ſaith. Behold, I am againſt them that prophecy falſe dreams, ſaith the Lord, and do tell them, and cauſe my people to err by their lies, and by their lightneſs; yet I ſent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they ſhall not profit this people at all, ſaith the Lord*, Jer. xxiii. 30, 31, 32. *Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the houſe of Iſrael, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. They build up Zion with blood, and Jeruſalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the prieſts thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and ſay, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us*, Micah. iii. 9, 10, 11. From all theſe paſſages it is clear that there are no true prophets but thoſe which are CHOSEN AND SENT BY THE LORD. If ſo, there can be no true preaching without true *ſending*; nor is any one truly ſent (however furniſhed with

2 Chosen of God all God's own prophets are,
And none else can aright the truth declare:
Let others then not dare his word to preach,
For these tell lies whatever truths they teach.

3 And ye that hear, take[b] heed unto the word
When it to you is spoken by the Lord!
For his own sheep[c] well know their Shepherd's voice,
Refuse a stranger's, but at his rejoice.

4 Christ, the good Shepherd, for his sheep doth care;
His love to them is far beyond compare:
He guards them safe, with his pastoral crook,
Midst verdant herbage near the water brook.

5 From danger he a safe retreat prepares,—
The tender lambs[d] he in his bosom bears:
He gently leads the old ones big with young,
And likewise heals all that by sin are stung[e].

6 O thou who thus regards thy little flock[f],
Whose church[g] is founded firm upon a rock;
We pray in faith and on thy word depend,
Supply our wants, and save us to the end.

7 Lord, help the promulgators of thy word,
And with thy Spirit, like a two-edg'd[h] sword,
Make Satan's kingdom speedily to fall,—
Set up thine own and be thou ALL[i] in ALL.

(b) Mar. iv. 24. (c) John x. 1, - - - - 16. (d) Isa. xl. 11. (e) 1 Cor. xv. 56, 57. (f) Luke xii. 32. (g) Matt. xvi. 18. (h) Eph. vi. 17.—Heb. iv. 12. (i) 1 Cor. xv. 28.

natural abilities, literature, or ecclesiastical ordination) but those who are prepared by the holy SPIRIT and sent by JEHOVAH himself: All others only teach from base motives; and though they may exactly speak the truth in words, yet they will be found *liars* before God; and for so doing (except they repent) *must have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone*, Rev. xxi. 8. For he who thus speaketh, saith, *I am the Lord, I change not*, Mal. iii. 6. *and my glory will I not give to another*, Isa. xlii. 8.

CLXVIII.

Caution to Miniſters and their Hearers; with Prayer for both.

1 XACCA*, (as records teach us to believe) 10
Did in the eaſt vaſt multitudes deceive: 10
He taught to men moſt baſe idolatry, . 10
To worſhip devils in the worſt degree. . . 10

2 Alas! how faſt this helliſh doctrine ſpread;
Thouſands thereby were inſtantly miſled:
How dang'rous then, where miniſters don't teach
The truth, but lies unto their hearers preach?

3 More dang'rous ſtill when hearers never try
The words they hear, but on their prieſts rely:
False[j] teachers and falſe hearers thereby fell
Themſelves to ſin,—the end of which is hell.

4 O God ariſe, and now the truth defend;
Chuſe for thy work true miniſters and ſend
To all mankind; may they with pow'r declare,
And ſpread abroad the goſpel every where.

5 In ev'ry clime aſſiſt men by thy grace
To know the truth, and it with joy embrace:
To Anti-chriſt let none e'er victims fall,
For thou, O Lord[k], art ſov'reign Lord of all!

(j) 2 Pet. ii. 1, 2, 3. (k) 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12.

* "The firſt founder of Idolatry in the *Indies* and *Eaſtern* Countries.—This Xacca having retired into a deſert, invented the worſhip of devils, and, at his return out of this ſolitude, found 20,000 diſciples, amongſt whom he choſe 10,000 to inſtruct others in theſe deteſtable *doctrines, &c.*" *See* XACCA *in Collier's* Dictionary.

CLXIX.

On the great neceſſity of our having God to watch over us

1 EXCEPT God[l] doth keep the city,
Other watchmen's care is vain;
But awake[m], and full of pity,
This true watchman doth remain;
And his mercy[n]
Over all his works doth reign!

2 Sometimes careleſs watchmen ſlumber
Until the beſieged cry;
And their foes come without number,
From whoſe hand they cannot fly;
Thus whole cities
Are through them† expos'd to die.

3 Not ſo, when like *Caleb*[o] wholly
We are ſtedfaſt in God's way,—
Faithful, upright, juſt, and holy;
With ſuch he delights to ſtay;
And will always
Keep us ſafe both night and day.

4 Who amongſt us then are ſaved?
Come and let theſe ſpread his fame,
(Chriſt, the ſeed and root of *David*[p],
Is unchangeably the ſame)
To preſerve us
Always free from ſin and blame.

(l) Pſal. cxxvii. 1. (m) Pſal. cxxi. 3, 4.——Jam. v. 1. (n) Pſal. cxlv. 9. (o) Joſh. xiv. 6, - - - 14. (p) Rom. i. 3.—Rev. v. 5.

† Through the ſloth, falſe teaching, and bad example of wicked paſtors, their congregations are expoſed to the greateſt danger of ſuffering *the puniſhment* due to ſin; but they would rather be inſtrument *of preventing* this, were they ſuch as are called and appointed of God

CLXX.

On Dead Works and Living Faith.

1 EXCEPT God[q], the all-wiſe builder, . 8
Build the houſe the work is vain: . 7
Should we build with gold or ſilver, . . 8
It muſt be rebuilt again. . . . 7
Or in ruin 4
Fall and henceforth ſo remain. . . 7

2 Man's moſt lofty beſt built ſtructure
Will like tow'ring *Babel*[r] fall:
Our beſt works are like ſome picture,
Or a ſhadow on the wall,
Till through[ſ] Jeſus
We do on JEHOVAH call.

3 Works are dead[s] where faith's not giv'n;
Living faith's the gift[t] of God:
Chriſt, its author[u], came from heav'n,
And alone the wine-preſs trod[v]:
Hence the faithful
All eſcape his iron[w] rod.

4 Gracious God, beſtow this favour,
By thy Spirit faith impart:
From all ſin be thou our Saviour,
Make and keep us pure in heart;
For thou only
An Almighty Saviour art[x].

(q) Pſal. cxxvii. 1. (r) Gen. xi. 4, - - - 9. (ſ) Rom. vi. 23.
(s) Jam. ii. 17, 20, 26. (t) Eph. ii. 8. (u) Heb. xii. 2.
(v) Iſa. lxiii. 3. (w) Rev. xix. 15. (x) Iſa. xlv. 21.—Heb. vii. 25.

CLXXI.

A Call to Sinners.

1 HASTE at JEHOVAH's call[y]!
Jeſus, who dy'd for ALL[z]
Thus hath deſign'd . . . .
Sinners to be ſet free[a] . . . .
From their captivity; . . . . .
And to true liberty[b] . . . .
Calls all mankind. . . . .

2 Look[c] to him from afar,
Ye who in bondage are;
So ſhall ye find
Chriſt, who hath *David's* key[d],
Dy'd on the curſed tree!
And to true liberty
Calls all mankind.

3 Hark how his mercy cries,
Sinners from ſin ariſe;
Though now confin'd,
Make Chriſt your only plea,—
God all your wants doth ſee;
And to true liberty
Calls all mankind.

4 Come while his Spirit brings
News of ſuch bleſſed things
For men aſſign'd:
Goodneſs doth, like the ſea,
Flow by his own decree,
Who to true liberty
Calls all mankind.

(y) Iſa. xxvi. 4. (z) 2 Cor. v. 15. (a) Rom
(b) *Gal. v.* 1. (c) Iſa. xlv. 22. (d) Iſa. xxii. 22.—R

5 Come in at Mercy's door[e],
Ye who are ſick and poor;
Alſo ye blind,
With your beſt friend agree;
So ſhall you know 'tis he,
Who to true liberty
Calls all[f] mankind!

CLXXII.

The Church's Exhortation and Song of Praiſe.

1 ZION, God's choſen place[g], . . 6
Shineth with truth and grace: . . 6
Lo the bright flame! 4
There he his ſaints doth bleſs . . . 6
Them in white[h] linen dreſs, . . . 6
While they his righteouſneſs[i] . . . 6
Loudly proclaim! 4

2 Fly to his mercy-ſeat[j],
Sinners, and there repeat
Jeſus's fame!
Cry out[k], O ſhout and ſing,
Zion's anointed King[l]!
He doth ſalvation bring[m],
Loudly proclaim!

3 Comfort[n] he doth impart
To ev'ry mourning heart,
Who in his name
Haſteth without delay,—
Aſking[o] for Zion's way,
That there his praiſe[p] they may
Loudly proclaim!

(e) Rev. iii. 20. (f) John xii. 32.—1 Tim. ii. 4. (g) Pſal. cxxxii. 13. (h) Rev. xix. 8. (i) Pſal. l. 6. (j) Exod. xxv. 22.—Heb. ix. 5. (k) Iſa. xii. 6. (l) Acts x. 38. (m) Iſa. lix. 16. (n) Iſa. li. 3.—Matt. v. 4. (o) Jer. l. 5. (p) Pſal. cxlvii. 12.

4 Praiſe waiteth[q], Lord, for thee,
Who in bright majeſty
Makes known thy name!
Bread from thy holy hill[r]
Doth all the hungry fill[f];
Hence we thy goodneſs will
Loudly proclaim.

5 Sing[s], O ye heav'ns above;
Join us, who feel his love,
To ſpread his fame;
Worſhip and bow before
Him who our ſorrows bore[t];
And his praiſe evermore
Loudly proclaim.

CLXXIII.

The Happy State of the Righteous.

1 BLESSED[u] and happy are all they
Whoſe ſins the Lord's forgiv'n:
To them, how pleaſant is the way,
Who have found peace with heav'n.

2 With ſacred love[v] their hearts are fill'd
To all the human race:
The mind that was before ſelf-will'd,
Is wholly rul'd by grace.

3 Malice, that monſter, now is fled,
Which them in chains did bind;
And pride, which other vices fed,
Can no acceptance find.

(q) Pſal. lxv. 1. (r) Pſal. xcix. 9. (f) Pſal. cvii. 9. *Luke i. 53.* (s) Iſa. xliv. 23.—xlix. 13. (t) Iſa. liii. 3, 4. (u) *Pſal.* xxxii. 1, 2.—Rom. iv. 7, 8. (v) Rom. v. 5.

4 Their anxious cares are at an end,
For God is their delight[w];
On him for all things they depend,
And ſerve him day and night.

5 But O how will their joys increaſe[x],
When from this fleſh ſet free:
They meet a final, full releaſe
From pain and miſery.

6 Soon God will in the realms above
Make all his bleſſings known:
There they ſhall banquet on his love,
For ever round his throne.

CLXXIV.

For LOVE, *which is the greateſt of all Bleſſings.*

1 DOWN on thy waiting children, Lord, . 8
With a propitious eye[y]: 6
Look now, while we with one accord . 8
Do to thyſelf draw nigh, ... 6
The only bleſſing we require, . . . 8
Is LOVE[z],—O grant our hearts deſire. . 8

2 To love, all other things compar'd,
Are leſs than vanity:
'Tis love, by which we are prepar'd
To reign above with thee;
Without it tongues[a] do not avail,
And prophecies ſhall ceaſe and fail.

3 Faith, though it mountains could remove,
Is quite a uſeleſs thing,
If from the fountain head of love
It does not always ſpring;
And ſo is ev'ry gift beſide;
Where love is not, they all ſubſide.

[w) *Pſal. cxix. 16.* (x) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (y) Rom. iii. 25.—1 John ii. 2.—iv. 10. (z) Eph. iii. 17, 18, 19. (a) 1 Cor. xiii. 1, 2.

4 'Tis love that ornaments[b] our frame,
And makes our gifts to ſhine:
It cancels all our guilt and ſhame,
Becomes our life divine:
In this thine image, Lord, create
Us, who do for thy coming wait.

CLXXV.

For the Knowledge of Salvation.

1 COME, Lord, and make known . . 5
That we are thine own, . . . 5
That Jeſus's blood for our ſins did atone[c]. . 11

2 By faith lo we bow
To worſhip thee now;
Moſt gracious Redeemer ſome bleſſing beſtow.

3 With ſmiles from thy face,
Diſplay thy free grace[d],
And ſhew us that thou doth our off'ring embrace.

4 Send down from above
The ſtreams of pure love,
And grant us thy utmoſt ſalvation to prove.

CLXXVI.

For Peace, Harmony, and Love.

1 THOU AUTHOR[e] of peace, . . 5
Bid all our jars ceaſe, . . . 5
That true Chriſtian friendſhip may daily increaſe. 11

2 Celeſtial DOVE[f],
Deſcend from above,
And wholly deſtroy all contrary to love.

(b) 1 Pet. iii. 4. (c) Rom. v. 11. (d) Rom. iii. 24.
(e) 1 Cor. xiv. 33. (f) Matt. iii. 16.

3 O may we agree
In ſweet harmony,
And ſpend all our time and our talents for thee.

4 By faith we'll preſs on,
United in one,
That in us, and by us, thy will may be done.

5 When perfect in love,
Come, Lord, and remove
Thy church from below to thy true church above[h].

CLXXVII.

For Reſtoration and Unity.

1 HELP us, thy feeble followers, Lord, . 8
Our fallen ſouls reſtore; 6
And daily guide us by thy word, . . . 8
That we may fall no more. 6

2 May *Jacob's* precept to his ſons,
"Fall[i] not out by the way:"
Make us walk as redeemed ones,
And for each other pray.

3 Let not one ſoul be left behind
Of any ſect or tribe:
To all that's weak may we be kind,
And anger not imbibe.

4 For why, O Lord, ſhould we divide?
None can divide[j] in thee;
We either muſt to ſin backſlide,
Or of one ſpirit be.

(g) Phil. iii. 14. (h) Heb. xii. 22, 23. (i) Gen. xlv. 24.
(j) Matt. vi. 24.

5 Our union[k] we muſt cloſely keep,
Or we ſhall ſoon grow cold[l];
And go aſtray, like wand'ring ſheep,
From the true SHEPHERD's[m] fold.

6 Unite us then with conſtant ties
Of pureſt charity,
That we may ſweetly harmonize,
And evermore agree.

CLXXVIII.

For the Church, the Miniſters of the Goſpel, and ſucceſs on their Labours.

1 VISIT thy church[n] in love. 6
From thy bright throne above, . . . 6
O thou moſt High[o]! 4
Save in the trying hour, ... 6
By thine almighty pow'r, ... 6
That we may evermore 6
God glorify. 4

2 Stand by thy choſen[p] race,
Strengthen thy ſeers[q] with grace,
Now while they cry,—
That when their foes combine,
None of them may decline,
But ſtill through faith divine
God glorify.

3 While they obey thy call,
Beating the mountains[r] ſmall,
Make Satan fly!
O let the blaze of day
Chace all dark clouds away;
Sinners converted[s] may
God glorify.

(k) Eph. iv. 3, 13. (l) Matt. xxiv. 12. (m) John x. 11, --- 16. (n) Eph. v. 23, 27. (o) Pſal. lvi. 2. (p) John xv. 19. (q) 1 Sam. ix. 9. (r) Iſa. xli. 15. (s) Luke v. 24, --- 26.

4 Nothing's too[s] hard for thee!
Therefore ſet captives free,—
Don't let one die:
Make ev'ry nation prove
Jeſu's redeeming[t] love,
Then in a world above
God glorify.

CLXXIX.

Comfort for Mourners, and Warning for Prophane Sinners.

1 UNCHANGEABLE Lord[u]! . . . 5
We from faith in thy word, . 6
Our ſouls on thy promiſes[v] ſtay; . . . 8
For lo thou art true, ... 5
Therefore mercy wilt ſhew, . . . 6
To bleſs us thou wilt not delay. . . . 8

2 Let no one deſpair
Who ſeek humbly in pray'r;
They freely thy grace ſhall receive:
God cannot deny!
But is bound to ſupply
All thoſe who in Jeſus believe[w].

3 Poor mourners[x] are bleſt
With the promiſe of reſt,
Of comfort, of peace, and of love:
Theſe bleſſings are ſure,
When the vile and impure
Do turn and ſeek help from above.

(s) Jer. xxxii. 17, 27. (t) Rom. iii. 24. (u) Mal. iii. 6.
(v) Luke i. 71, --- 75.—Tit. i. 2.—1 John ii. 25. (w) Rom. x. 9.
(x) Matt. v. 4.—xi. 28, 29.—John xiv. 23.

4 But, oh! ye prophane!
If you ſtill will remain,
Deſpiſing the Almighty's rod,—
Chriſt thus hath declar'd
You ſhall meet that reward,
"Depart[y], ye accurſed," from God!

5 Not ſo, the redeem'd
They now[z] are eſteem'd,
And ſoon ſhall with triumphant joy,
Eternity ſpend
With their Saviour and FRIEND,
Where nothing their peace can annoy!

CLXXX.

For the full Redemption of Zion.

1 ZION[a] redeem'd from ſin ſhall† be, . 8
And all her converts made quite free: . 8
The mountain[b] of the Lord's houſe ſtands . 8
Above all mountains made with hands! . 8

2 All nations to this Houſe ſhall flow,—
Come let us hither alſo go:
The God of *Jacob* there doth teach,
And Zion's law expound and preach!

3 His kind rebukes may we obey,
All hoſtile§ thoughts put far away,
And of our warlike ſwords and ſpears
Make pruning-hooks, or elſe plough-ſhares.

4 May nation againſt nation riſe,
No more with ſwords or war deviſe;
But, with the Prince of Peace[c]! delight
To ſave[d] lives, not deſtroy and fight.

(y) Matt. xxv. 41. (z) 1 John iii. 2. (a) Iſa. i. 27.
(b) Iſa. ii. 2, ---4.——Mic. iv. 1, ---7. (c) Iſa. ix. 6.
(d) Luke ix. 56.

† See a Courſe of Lectures on the Prophecies, that remain to be fulfilled, delivered in the borough of Southwark, in the year 1788, by ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

§ See ROBERT BARCLAY's Apology, from page 556 to 569.

5 Lord, uſher in this joyful day,
For which we wait, believe, and pray,
That *Jew*[e] and *Gentile* ev'ry where,
May all alike his bleſſings ſhare.

CLXXXI.

On the real change that Converſion makes.

1 SOON as we ſeek the Lord aright, . 8
Lo what a change takes place! . . 6
As truly known[f], as day from night, . 8
Is this great work of grace. 6

2 When we from ſin converted are,
We feel we're born of God:
The joys[g] of heav'n then we ſhare,
Nor do we dread his rod.

3 Our fruit[h] is unto holineſs;
Our claim to endleſs life
Is ſure, for God with peace[i] doth bleſs,
And keep us free from ſtrife.

4 We ſpeak[j] of what our ears have heard,
And what our eyes have ſeen;
Our hands have felt the living WORD,
That makes the conſcience clean!

5 Thus born[k] of God, we cannot ſin,
While we give earneſt heed
Unto the ſaving light within,
The pure remaining ſeed!

(e) Rom. x. 12, 13. (f) Luke i. 77.—Rom. v. 1, 2.—viii. 16. (g) Luke xvii. 21.—Rom. xiv. 17.—Gal. v. 22, 23. (h) Rom. vi. 22. (i) Phil. iv. 7. (j) 1 John i. 1, 2, 3 (k) 1 John iii. 9.

CLXXXII.

On the true VINE.

1 CHRIST is the true and living VINE[l]! . 8
His ſaints like branches from him grow: 8
Sap from his root makes them to ſhine . 8
With heav'nly fruit while here below. . . 8

2 His Father, the true huſbandman,
Takes ev'ry fruitleſs branch away;
And purgeth, as no other can,
The fruitful branches from decay.

3 Ye who are purged and made clean,
Through his indwelling word,
Continue like an evergreen,
And bear good fruit unto the Lord.

4 Abide in him, and he to you
Will always vital ſap impart:
Thus fruit, like grapes on ev'ry bough,
Shall prove your holineſs of heart.

CLXXXIII.

On Swearing.

1 "SWEAR[m] not at all, (the holy God hath ſaid!) 10
"Neither by me, nor ought that I have made; 10
"For I will puniſh[n] thoſe who do remain . 10
"To break my laws, and take my name[o] in vain. 10

2 "Let your communications therefore be,
"Yea, yea,—nay, nay; and all with truth agree:
"For whatſoever elſe is more than theſe,
"Cometh of evil, and doth me diſpleaſe."

(l) *John* xv. 1, - - - 8. (m) Matt. v. 34, - - - 37.—Jam. v. 12.
(n) *Iſa.* xiii. 11.—Jer. xxi. 14.—Hoſea ix. 9. (o) Exod. xx. 7.

3 Examine you who do this ſin purſue,
Are theſe God's words, and are they falſe or true:
If words have meaning, theſe muſt fully prove,
God doth of ſwearing wholly diſapprove.

4 Then let falſe reas'ner's bow before the Lord!
And now believe what's written in his word;
For ſwearing‖ makes this guilty land to mourn[p],
And God on us his righteous[q] judgments turn.

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(p) Jer. xxiii. 10. (q) Rev. xvi. 7.—xix. 2.

‖ It is impoſſible that the Prophet *Jeremiah* ſhould have had more juſt reaſon to ſay, *becauſe of* SWEARING *the land mourneth*; or to ſay, that *both Prophet and Prieſt are profane*, than we have to ſay thus at the preſent day: For it is eſtabliſhed as an orthodox doctrine, (by learned Prelates and Judges of the law, both from the pulpit and the preſs) that *Swearing is a duty commanded of God*, which ought to be complied with whenever it is neceſſary to confirm the truth, &c. Hence to the great diſgrace of thoſe who profeſs Chriſtianity, one of the moſt plain and poſitive commands of the Son of God is entirely reverſed, by drawing wrong inferences from what was given to the *Jews*, only for a time, while under a diſpenſation which afforded but a ſhadow of good things to come, until Chriſt, who is the real ſubſtance, ſhould come. Seeing then that Chriſt is come, and that in revealing the will of his Father, he hath ſaid unto us, *Swear not at all*, &c. we ought to obey God rather than man. But having very little room here for controverſy, I recommend my readers to lay aſide all prejudice, and carefully to read and judge of the *Holy Scriptures* for themſelves, which are able to make them *wiſe unto ſalvation*, 2 Tim. iii. 15. Much information may alſo be obtained upon this important ſubject from the worthy labours of ROBERT BARCLAY. See his *Apology*, from page 542 to 556.—One remark, however, ſeems neceſſary to be made of the injuſtice of ſome exiſting laws;—we find the laws of men, in certain caſes, make it a crime to refuſe taking an oath, although theſe perſons who refuſe are ready, in the moſt ſolemn manner, to affirm what theſe laws are requiring they ſhould ſwear: And there is other caſes where, if conſcientious men will not ſwear (though it is evident they have no other objection, but becauſe they believe ſwearing is contrary to the law of God) they thereby forfeit that protection which theſe laws afford to ſwearers of every deſcription. For inſtance, ſhould one of theſe perſons who will not ſwear, ſee a daring ruffian break open his houſe, murder his wife and children, take away all his property, and leave himſelf for dead; yet ſhould the injured recover, challenge the horrid murderer, and ſeek to have juſtice adminiſtered; if no confeſſion can be extorted from the murderer himſelf, and if no other evidence can be brought againſt him that will ſwear,—the anſwer ac-

5 Let none pervert[r] the words of the moſt High!
For God[f] is true, however man may lie;
And what he's ſaid, he in his time[s] will do,
Though we know not exactly when or how.

CLXXXIV.

Remarks made upon Sinners and Saints.

1 HOW dark[t] are all who live in ſin? . 8
They grope[u] at noon who live therein; 8
But light[v] and glad in God are they . . 8
Who walk in wiſdom's[w] pleaſant way. . 8

2 Happy are they who do rely[x]
At all times on the Lord moſt high!
From heav'n he will bleſſings pour,
And keep them in temptation's[y] hour.

3 Thrice happy are his ſaints indeed!
For on the bread[z] of life they feed;
And at the ſtreams[a] of his free grace
They bow and drink before his face.

4 But ſin, however ſweet it be,
Brings certain death[b] and miſery:
Hence, 'tis our wiſdom, in God's ways
To ſpend our reſidue of days.

(r) Micah. iii. 9. (f) 2 Cor. i. 18.—Rev. vi. 10.—xv. 3. (s) Iſa. xl. 10.—lx. 22.—Ezek. xxiv. 14. (t) Prov. iv. 19.—1 John ii. 11. (u) Deut. xxviii. 29.—Iſa. lix. 10. (v) Pſ. xcvii. 11. (w) Prov. iii. 17. (x) Pſ. xxxvii. 3, - - - 6. (y) Rev. iii. 10. (z) John vi. 35. (a) Iſa. xxxiii. 21.—Rev. xxii. 17. (b) Rom. vi. 23.

cording to theſe laws muſt be, *This is a criminal caſe, and no evidence can be admitted without an Oath!* Where then have theſe who refuſe to ſwear (though from a ſenſe of duty to God) any ſecurity from the fore-mentioned laws, either for their lives or their property? I have *not pointed* out this to ſtir up diſcord, but in hopes, that by bring*ing it to the* public eye, it may be duly conſidered, and at length be *brought in* a proper manner before our Legiſlators, praying for redreſs.

CLXXXV.

On the Bleſſed State of the Righteous.

1 TASE and ſee[c], and know the Lord is good! 10
The hungry[d] ſoul he feeds with living food: 10
He grants the righteous all their hearts deſire[e],— 10
All things which they in Jeſu's name[f] require. 10

2 For theſe aſk nothing but what faith can claim;
They aſk not wealth, honour, or a great name:
They envy not the high and lofty ſtate
Of men who in this world are rich and great.

3 They know all things to them for good[g] are ſent,
And hence they learn to live in true content[h]:
Reſign'd to God, they love[i] and joy poſſeſs,
And laſting peace, which words can't well expreſs.

4 If God to man ſuch bleſſings doth beſtow,
What can we wiſh for more while here below?
We in ſome meaſure live like thoſe above,
And ſhall ere long immortal pleaſures prove!

CLXXXVI.

On the happy effects of Faith.

1 HAPPY[j]! thrice happy is their caſe, . 8
Who do in God confide; . . 6
For he doth them ſupport with grace, . . 8
And all their footſteps guide. . . 6

2 Whate'er their outward trials be
Reſpecting worldly good,
He ſees their wants continually,
And gives them needful food.

(c) Pſal. xxxiv. 8. (d) Luke i. 53. (e) Prov. x. 24.
(f) John xiv. 13, 14. (g) Rom. viii. 28. (h) Phil. iv. 11.
(i) Gal. v. 22. (j) Pſal. cxliv. 15.—Prov. xvi. 20.

3 For bread[k] and water is made ſure
By promiſe in his word;
And of the hardſhips they endure
He keeps a juſt record.

4 Without his notice not one hair[l]
Can fall unto the ground:
There God is preſent ev'ry where[m],
Whoſe care does them ſurround.

5 Walls[n] of ſalvation round his ſaints
He builds on ev'ry ſide:
The things they want he alſo grants[o],
Wherever they reſide.

6 With courage, therefore, they meet death;
And when this world recedes,
In God's way they give up their breath,—
Who them to glory leads!

CLXXXVII.

On the Attributes of GOD.

1 "WHO[p] is like unto thee, O Lord,
"Amongſt the gods? who is like thee?"
Glorious in holineſs, thy word . . . .
And works for evermore ſhall be!

2 Fearful in praiſes is thy name,
In doing wonders ev'ry where;
From age to age thou art the ſame,——
A God, whom all muſt own and fear!

3 Like *Miriam*, triumphantly
Of thy bleſt attributes we'll ſing:
Our foes muſt all before thee fly,
For thou art an almighty King!

(k) Iſa. xxxiii. 16. (l) Matt. x. 30. (m) Prov. xv. 3. (n) Iſa. xxvi. 1.—lx. 18. (o) Prov. x. 24. (p) Exod. xv. 11, 20, 21.

4 Mercy[q] and truth in Chriſt are met,
And ſo is righteouſneſs and peace:
A mother[r] may her child forget,
But to thy church thy love can't ceaſe.

CLXXXVIII.

A Figurative Deſcription of the manner in which GOD exerciſes ſome of his Attributes.

1 THE Lord hath put[t] on righteouſneſs, . 8
And it doth as a breaſtplate wear: . 8
His helm ſalvation doth poſſeſs, . . . 8
But yet his robes of veng'ance are! . . 8

2 He, clad with zeal, as with a cloke,
His adverſaries will repay;
And in his fury, with one ſtroke,
All the incorrigible ſlay!

3 Lo! his great name, with fear and dread,
From weſt and eaſt with glorious light,
Shall over all the world be ſpread,
And chace away the ſhades of night.

4 The enemy, who like a flood
Comes in to hurt the church with lies,
Shall by God's Spirit be withſtood;
His ſtandard ſhall againſt them riſe!

CLXXXIX.

On a Promiſe made to the Faithful.

1 LO! our Redeemer[s], he is come . . 8
To Zion, his beloved place! . . 8
For wreſtling *Jacob* has made room,— . 8
And likewiſe all his num'rous race. . . 8

(q) Pſal. lxxxv. 10. (r) Iſa. xlix. 15. (t) Iſa. lix. 17, 18, 19.
(s) Iſa. lix. 20, 21.

2 The Lord a covenant hath made
With him, to free his heirs from blame;
And his own Spirit, (as he ſaid)
Is upon all who know his name.

3 The upright ſeed this Spirit hath,
Which from their ſeed's ſeed can't depart:
For ever they the word of faith
Diſplay from ev'ry mouth and heart.

CXC.

On the Bleſſed State of GOD's Children.

1 BLESSED[t] are they that fear the Lord,
And walk in WISDOM's[u] way;
Who love to hear God's ſacred word,
And his commands obey.

2 Theſe, like a fruitful olive-tree[v]
Planted in fertile ground,
Shall good fruit bear, and always be
With heaven's bleſſings crown'd.

3 From ſtorms and blaſting winds that riſe,
They need no evil fear:
Not all malice can deviſe
Can hurt God's children dear.

4 Give glory then to God moſt high!
Let all exalt his name:
For us his only Son did die,
By whom ſalvation came!

(t) Pſal. cxii. 1. (u) Prov. iii. 17. (v) Pſal. i. 3.—Jer. xvii. 8.

CXCI.

Thanks and Praiſe.

1 NOT[w] unto us, but thee, O Lord, . 8
All thanks and praiſe be giv'n, . . 6
Who peace† hath to thy church reſtor'd, . 8
And fallen man forgiv'n! . . . 6
Let all thy matchleſs love adore . . . 8
In ſongs of praiſe for evermore. . . 8

2 Lo, what a work of ſov'reign grace!
Inſtead of thy dread rod,
We ſee the reconciled[x] face
Of our offended God!
Let all thy matchleſs love adore
In ſongs of praiſe for evermore.

3 The *Cherubs*[y] and the flaming ſword,
That turned ev'ry way,
No longer keeps us from the Lord,
Or doth our peace diſmay:
Let all thy matchleſs love adore
In ſongs of praiſe for evermore.

4 Now *Eden* has no ſinful ſtrife,—
The church[z] of Chriſt is free;
And feeds upon the tree of life[a],
By living faith in thee:
Let all thy matchleſs love adore
In ſongs of praiſe for evermore.

(w) Pſal. cxv. 1. (x) 2 Cor. v. 19.——Col. i. 20, 21. (y) Gen. iii. 24. (z) Acts xx. 28.—Rom. xvi. 16.—Eph. v. 25, 26, 27. (a) Rev. ii. 7.

† Since it may be of much uſe for PRESERVING this Peace among the faithful, I earneſtly recommend them to read a piece which is called, *The Way of true Peace and Unity, in the true Church of Chriſt*, written by WILLIAM DELL, formerly Maſter of Convil and Gaius College, *Cambridge*.

5 But when this veil[b] is done away,
Our raviſh'd ſouls ſhall prove
Immortal joys that can't decay,
In a bright world above:
And there thy matchleſs love adore
In ſongs of praiſe for evermore!

CXCII.

On Grace, through the Redemption that is in Jeſus Chriſt.

1 ZION ſhout[c], behold thy KING[d]! . 7
Chriſt who did redemption[e] bring; . 7
Still he manifeſts his grace 7
To a loſt rebellious race. 7

2 O how infinite that love,
Which hath brought him from above!
Angels publiſh'd at his birth
Peace[f] and good-will to the earth.

3 Hence his life he freely gave[g],
All[h] the world from death to ſave!
For the worſt the LAMB was ſlain,
Yet roſe from the dead again!

4 Now he intercedes[i] on high,
Boldly[j] therefore we draw nigh:
Without doubts or ſlaviſh fear
We before our God appear.

5 Let us then our voices raiſe
In eternal ſongs of praiſe:
He who doth the world ſuſtain,
Worthy is o'er all to reign!

(b) 2 Cor. iii. 14, - - - 18.—Heb. x. 20. (c) Iſa. xii. 6.
(d) Luke xix. 38. (e) Rom. iii. 24. (f) Luke ii. 14.
(g) 1 Tim. ii. 4, 5, 6. (h) Rev. v. 9, - - - 13. (i) Heb. vii. 25.
(j) Heb. iv. 16.

CXCIII.

Exhortation.

1 SING to the Lord, for it is meet; . . 8
Sing of the Saviour's love; . . . 6
In joyful songs[k] his praiſe repeat, . . 8
As angels do above! 6

2 With hopes immortal view the place
Of your eternal reſt[l];
And exerciſe his gifts and grace,
Ye ſaints, which love him beſt.

3 Come out of *Sodom*[m], linger not,
Nor ſtay in all the plains;
For life eſcape with righteous *Lot*,
God's little *Zoar* remains.

4 No more look back, as did *Lot's wife*,—
Remember her ſad caſe!
Haſte on towards the tree[n] of life,
There dwell in ſweet ſolace.

5 So let us run[o] as to obtain
The promis'd land ſo near:
For lo, a reſt‡ doth yet remain[p]
There for God's children dear!

6 Soon all our toil below ſhall ceaſe,
And we in triumph riſe
To hail the glorious PRINCE OF PEACE[q],
When coming[r] from the ſkies!

(k) Rev. v. 9,---13. (l) Heb. iv. 9. (m) Gen. xix. 14,----30. (n) Rev. ii. 7.—xxii. 14. (o) 1 Cor. ix. 24. (p) Heb. iv. 9. (q) Iſa. ix. 6.—Matt. xxiv. 30.

‡ Many excellent remarks are made concerning this reſt, by RICHARD BAXTER, in his book, entitled *The Saints Everlaſting Reſt.*

CXCIV.

The Delight and Prayer of the Righteous.

1 YE ranſom'd, all ſing 5
With one heart and voice; 5
The Lord is our King[t]! 5
Come let us rejoice: 5
For ſurely againſt us 6
The ſtones[s] they will cry, ... 5
If we do not Jeſus 6
On earth glorify! 5

2 In life and in death
O let us proclaim,
With every breath,
His goodneſs and fame,—
Who from the creation[t]
Intended our good,
And brought us ſalvation[u]
By ſhedding[v] his blood!

3 Lord, help us to love
And do thy commands,
That thou may approve
The works of our hands:
Thus holy and blameleſs
Our ſouls ſhall draw near,
And with holy boldneſs[w]
Before thee appear.

4 By faith we rejoice
To walk in thy way;
The BRIDEGROOM'S[x] ſweet voice
We love and obey:

(t) 1 Tim. iv. 15. (s) Hab. ii. 11. (t) Gen. i. 26.
(u) Heb. v. 9. (v) Heb. ix. 22. (w) Heb. iv. 16.
(x) Matt. xxv. 1, --- 10.

To gaze on his perſon,
His beautiful face,
And with adoration
Extol thy free grace!

5 But faith, hope, and fear
Shall ſoon take their flight,
And we ſhall appear
Array'd all in white[y],—
With our bleſſed Saviour
And angels above,
For ever and ever
Rejoice in his love!

CXCV.

Prayer, Choice, and Reſolution.

1 O Heavenly DOVE[z]! . . . 5
Deſcend from above, . . . 5
And from thy true church here, all darkneſs remove. 11

2 Come, Lord, and atteſt[a]
In every breaſt,
That from condemnation[b] we now ſhall find reſt.

3 With eager deſire
Thy help we require,
To make our affections towards thee aſpire.

4 More fully diſplay
Thy goodneſs, we pray,
That we may with vigour preſs[c] on in thy way.

5 For love is our choice
Wherein we rejoice,
And thereof we'll gladly ſing with heart and voice.

(y) Rev. iii. 4, 5. (z) Matt. iii. 16. (a) Rom. viii. 16.
(b) *Rom. viii. 1.* (c) Phil. iii. 14.

6 In ſongs evermore
Thee we will adore,
Thou ocean of love[d], without bottom or ſhore!

CXCVI.

Praiſe and Prayer.

1 WE meet in thy ways . . . 5
Thy name for to praiſe, . . 5
Yet Lord we fall ſhort in our loftieſt lays. . 11

2 But wilt thou deſpiſe[e]
This ſmall ſacrifice,
Which from thine own altar through Jeſus doth riſe?

3 Far from the moſt High!
Himſelf to deny[f],
And not bleſs his creatures when to him they cry.

4 It never can be!
Therefore we agree
To pray for ſalvation[g], which cometh from thee.

5 We aſk for the ſame
In Jeſus's name[h];
With love let thy Spirit our cold hearts inflame.

6 Now kindle the fire*,
And therewith inſpire,—
Enlarge ev'ry heart and grant all we deſire[i].

(d) 1 John iv. 8, 16. (e) Pſal. li. 17. (f) Num. xxiii. 19.—1 Sam. xv. 29. (g) Acts iv. 12. (h) John xv. 16. (i) Prov. x. 24.—Mar. xi. 24.

* See the note on Divine Love, page 75, &c.

CXCVII.

Solemn Reflections and Prayer.

1 YEAR after year rolls round apace, . 8
And mortals daily die; 6
Nor can the ſons of *Adam's* race, . . 8
From death's[j] ſharp arrows fly! . . 6

2 The generations that are dead,
Like us have active been;
But lo, upon the duſt we tread
Of multitudes unſeen!

3 And who a moment's ſpace can boaſt[k],
That do alive remain?
Like them we muſt yield up the ghoſt,
And turn to duſt[l] again.

4 Swiftly we haſten to that hour,
In which pale ghaſtly Death
Shall ſeize us with reſiſtleſs pow'r,
To ſtop our vital breath.

5 O thou in whom we live[m] and move,
And have our being here!
Prepare us for a world above,
Before that day appear.

6 With ſolemn weight upon each mind
Eternal things impreſs:
Salvation may we ſeek and find,
And joy and peace poſſeſs.

7 That when the laſt great trump ſhall ſound[n],
Ye dead in Chriſt ariſe!
Our ſouls light as an hart ſhall bound,
To meet him in thee ſkies.

(j) Heb. ix. 27. (k) Prov. xxvii. 1. (l) Gen. iii. 19.—Job xxxiv. 15. (m) Acts xvii. 28. (n) 1 Cor. xv. 52.—1 Theſ. iv. 16, 17.

CXCVIII.

On the laſt Judgment.

1 YE ſaints[o] who love and fear the Lord, . 8
Rejoice in him with one accord, . 8
Until the trump[p] of God you hear, . . 8
And ſee the Judge to judgment come; . 8
Who will reward[q] or fix the doom . . 8
Of all the world, who muſt be there! . 8

2 How awful that tremendous day!
When God his vengeance[r] will diſplay
On wicked and ungodly men?
With conſternation each will dread
To meet the Judge[s] of quick and dead!
But none can ſhun his judgments then.

3 Much diff'rent then will be the ſtate[s]
Of God's dear ſaints, who they did hate,
And perſecute to bonds and death:
Quite undiſmayed theſe will ſtand
With glory crown'd at God's right hand!
Who in his cauſe gave up their breath.

4 Be faithful then, and ſtand your ground,
Hell's rage and malice to confound,
Whatever pain you may endure:
For lo, the Lord will ſoon deſcend[t],
And wholly make your troubles end
In peace, which is for ever ſure!

(o) Pſal. xxxi. 23.—xxxiv. 9. (p) 1 Cor. xv. 52.—1 Theſ. iv. 16. (q) Matt. xvi. 27. (r) Iſa. lix. 17, 18.—2 Theſ. i. 7, 8. (ſ) 2 Tim. iv. 1. (s) Matt. xxv. 31,---46. (t) 1 Theſ. iv. 16, 17.

CXCIX.

Praiſe for the Bleſſings received through the interceſſion of Chriſt.

1 JEHOVAH[u] great I AM! 6
All glory be to thee, ... 6
And praiſe unto the ſlaughter'd LAMB[v] . . 8
For ever be: 4
To thee belongs all might, ... 6
Thou all-creating God,— 6
Mercy to ſhew is thy delight[w], . . . 8
And not thy rod. 4

2 Should'ſt thou deſtroy our land,
We do deſerve to die;
And ſuffer by thy mighty hand,
We can't deny;
But Chriſt, our great[x] high Prieſt,
The mercy-ſeat[y] hath ſpread,
That ev'ry hungry ſoul may feaſt
On living* bread.

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(u) Exod. iii. 14.—vi. 3. (v) Rev. v. 12, 13. (w) Jer. ix. 24.—Mic. vii. 18. (x) Heb. iv. 14. (y) Heb. ix. 5, - - - 12.

* *Jeſus ſaid, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me, ſhall never hunger; and he that believeth on me, ſhall never thirſt.—Except ye eat the fleſh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you—for my fleſh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,* &c. However it appears from the Hiſtory of many ages, that theſe ſayings have always been (as they are now) but very little underſtood by the greateſt part of mankind; and all the while *the great whore that ſitteth upon the waters,* has been *making herſelf drunk with the blood of the ſaints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jeſus.* And to this very day ſhe ſtill prevails upon *the kings of the earth to commit fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth to drink the wine of her fornication.* But *bleſſed be the God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; his eye is upon the righteous and his ear is open to their cry*; and while they look unto him, he appoints *ſalvation for walls and bulwarks* around them. He alſo gi-

3 Hence ſtill he intercedes[z]
For *Adam's* fallen race,—
And God, in anſwer to our needs,
Relieves our caſe!
He grace[a] and glory gives,
And no good thing withholds;
Thus from the[b] *ſerpent's* pow'r retrieves,
Whom he infolds.

4 With comfort, peace, and joy
We are already bleſt;
And ſhould all hell their force employ
Us to moleſt:
Through ev'ry danger led,
Drawn by the bands[c] of love,
We follow after Chriſt, our HEAD[d],
To realms above!

5 There angels[e] do rejoice
For ever round the throne;
Inceſſantly with heart and voice
They join in one:
Much more to magnify,
Come, brethren, likewiſe then,
And let us praiſe the Lord moſt High!
Amen, amen.

(z) Heb. vii. 25. (a) Pſal. lxxxiv. 11. (b) Rev. xii. 9.—xx. 2. (c) Hoſ. xi. 4. (d) 1 Cor. xi. 3. (e) Rev. v. 11, 12, 13.

them to ſee that there is *upon her forehead a name written*, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATION OF THE EARTH. So that however ſhe may make war againſt them, or ſtrive with *lying wonders and pretended myſteries* to deceive, ſhe cannot overcome the LAMB and his ſincere followers. Let us then not turn our eyes to a *worldly ſanctuary* adorned with a *candleſtick and table* whereon is *ſhew-bread*, or to what is now called *Sacramental Bread and Wine* and the like,—for *outward things* were only of uſe under the *firſt covenant*. Neither let us anſwer, like the ancient unbelieving *Jews*,—*how can this man give us his fleſh to eat?* as though he had meant that they ſhould eat ſome outward thing; for it is plain that he was not pointing them to any outward thing or carnal ordinance whatever, but to that ſpiritual communion and fellowſhip with the Father, which can only be enjoyed in and through the Son, by the powerful operation and influence of the Holy Spirit. See John vi. 35, - - - 58.—Rev. xvii. 1, &c.—*It may alſo* be of great uſe to the ſerious who are deſirous to gain information upon this ſubject, to peruſe a Treatiſe on the Lord's Supper, *ſo called by* JOHN GRATTON.

CC.

On the Prieſthood of Chriſt, and the efficacious Power of his atoning Blood.

1 THOU great[f] high Prieſt! thy blood alone 8
Doth for our ſins atonement[g] make: . 8
It pleads as ſtill before God's throne, . . 8
And we are ſpared for thy ſake! . . 8

2 Its truly efficacious pow'r
Diſplays the fulneſs of thy grace,
By which, in ev'ry trying hour,
We cheerfully thy croſs embrace.

3 We for thy ſake count all things droſs
But as they help our ſouls to thee;
And hence we welcome pain and loſs,
In hopes of endleſs liberty.

4 Still may we preſs[h] towards the prize,
Faith views in yon bright world above,—
Until before our raviſh'd eyes,
The God appears we unſeen love!

CCI.

For Purity.

1 BLESSED[i] are all the pure in heart, . 8
For they with comfort ſhall ſee God! . 8
When the ungodly[j] muſt depart . . 8
To feel his ſin-avenging rod: . . . 8
There they will (though in ſorrow) tell . 8
That God is juſt[k] to them in hell. . . 8

(f) Heb. iv. 14. (g) Rom. v. 11. (h) Phil. iii. 14.
(i) Matt. v. 8. (j) Pſal. i. 4, 5, 6.—vii. 11, 12, 13.—Matt. xxv. 41, - - - 46. (k) Rom. iii. 8.—Rev. xvi. 7.

2 O thou, whoſe promiſes[l] are ſure!
Our eyes[m] have thy ſalvation ſeen;
Now ſpeak[n] the word, and make us pure,
For lo we wait to be made clean:
Renew[o] us, Lord, in righteouſneſs,
And let us all thy mind[p] poſſeſs.

3 HEAD[q] of thy church! help us to ſhow
That our whole treaſure[r] is above,
And henceforth make the world to know
There are ſome perfect[s] in thy love:
May all our words and works combine
To prove that we are really thine.

CCII.

Invitation to Praiſe GOD—Proper for MORNING.

1 AWAKE! God bids his ſaints rejoice[s]; . 8
Him let us praiſe with heart and voice, 8
Who hath refreſh'd us in the night, . . 8
And bleſt us with the morning light. . 8

2 In hymns we'll ſing of his great love,
As angels do in heav'n above!
Whoſe bleſſings, like the cryſtal dew,
Are ev'ry morn and ev'ning new.

3 'Tis he who fills[t] all time and ſpace,
And may be found in ev'ry place,
That ever is ſo wond'rous kind,
And merciful[u] to loſt mankind!

(l) 2 Cor. i. 20. (m) Luke ii. 30. (n) Mat. i. 40, 41, 42.
(o) 2 Cor. iv. 16. (p) Phil. ii. 5. (q) 1 Cor. xi. 3.
(r) Luke xii. 33. (ſ) Matt. v. 48.—Phil. iii. 15. (s) Deut. xii. 12.—*Pſal.* xxxiii. 1.—Iſa. xli. 16.—Phil. iv. 4. (t) Jer. xxiii. 23, 24.
(u) *Pſal.* ciii. 8, 9.

4 'Tis this, great God! that gives us breath[v],
Who ſnatch'd us from the jaws of death:
His hand ſupplies all fleſh with food,
And ev'ry other needful good.

5 Behold the wonders[w] he hath wrought,—
His own right[x] arm ſalvation brought!
Therefore let all the world confeſs,
And ſerve THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS[y]!

CCIII.

On the Wiſdom, Providence, and Grace of GOD—Proper for MORNING.

1 LO! how the ſweet return of light, . 8
Doth praiſe from ev'ry tongue invite: . 8
Awake, ye ſaints, from ſloth ariſe, . . 8
To offer morning ſacrifice[z]. . . . 8

2 Mark how God's wiſdom is diſplay'd
In ev'ry thing his hand[a] hath made;
And how his providential care
Doth good[b] things for our [illegible] prepare.

3 But moſt of all behold his grace[c],
Beyond compare to *Adam's* race;
Both *Jew*[d] and *Gentile*, bond and free,
Alike do his ſalvation ſee!

4 Let all the world with joy break[e] forth,
From eaſt[f] to weſt, from ſouth to north,—
And to the Lord hoſannahs[g] raiſe
In hymns[h] of univerſal praiſe.

(v) Acts xvii. 25. (w) Pſal. cxxxvi. 1, - - - 26. (x) Pſal. xliv. 3. (y) Jer. xxiii. 6. (z) Heb. xiii. 15. (a) Iſa. xlv. 12.—— Heb. i. 10. (b) Pſal. cxlv. 15, 16.—Matt. vii. 11. (c) Tit. ii. 11. (d) Rom. x. 12, 13.—Gal. iii. 28.—Col. iii. 11. (e) Iſa. lii. 9. —Gal. iv. 27. (f) Pſal. cvii. 2, 3. (g) Matt. xxi. 9, 15.— Mark xi. 9, 10.——John xii. 13. (h) Matt. xxvi. 30.—— Mar. xiv. 26.—Eph. v. 19.—Col. iii. 16.

5 Praiſe God, who into being brought
All[i] worlds from chaos, or from nought:
Praiſe him who dy'd[j] for ſinners loſt,—
Praiſe Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt!

CCIV.

Morning *Sacrifice.*

1 JEHOVAH, Lord, all thanks and praiſe . 8
To thy great name be giv'n: . . 6
Our grateful hearts we gladly raiſe . . 8
Devoutly unto heav'n: 6
O let our morning ſacrifice[k] . . . 8
To thee as pleaſing incenſe[l] riſe. . . 8

2 Thy kind protection, while we ſlept,
And providential care
Hath from misfortunes ſafely kept:
Hence, ſtill preſerv'd[m] we are,—
O leave us not, but aid we pray,
And bleſs us, Lord, throughout this day.

3 Inſpire us with thy loving mind,
And grant us daily food:
May we through Chriſt ſalvation[n] find,
And ev'ry needful good:
Let all mankind likewiſe be bleſt
With pardon[o], peace[p], and endleſs reſt[q].

4 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt,
In a perpetual ſong,
Be praiſe by the redeemed[r] hoſt,
And high angelic throng:
One triune‡ God let all adore
For ever and for evermore.

(i) John i. 3. (j) Rom. v. 6, 8.—xiv. 9. (k) Pſal. liv. 6. —Rom. xii. 1.—Heb. xiii. 15. (l) Pſal. cxli. 2. (m) Pſal. xxxvi. 6. (n) 1 Theſ. v. 9. (o) Iſa. lv. 7. (p) John xvi. 33. (q) Matt. xi. 28, 29.—Heb. iv. 9. (r) Rev. v. 9, - - - 14.

‡ *See the* note on the Scripture Doctrine of the Trinity, *page 96 and 97.*

CCV.

Morning Devotion.

Praiſe ariſing from a ſenſe of Divine Love.

1 AWAKE[r] and let us ſing[s] . . 6
Of our Creator's love[t],— . . 6
JEHOVAH over all is King[u] . . . 8
In earth and heav'n above! . . . 6
* *O praiſe the Lord, hallelujah,* . . . 8
Hallelujah, O praiſe the Lord! . . . 8

2 Throughout the night he bleſt,
And with the morning light
Hath rais'd us up again from reſt,
To ſee his glory bright[v].
O praiſe the Lord[w], *hallelujah*[x],
Hallelujah, O praiſe the Lord!

3 His Spirit[y] now inclines
Us at his throne[z] to meet;
And while his mercy[a] on us ſhines,
We will his praiſe repeat.
O praiſe the Lord[b], *hallelujah,*
Hallelujah, O praiſe the Lord!

4 We'll now exalt his name[c]
For all his works of grace[d];
And evermore aloud proclaim[e]
His love[f] to Adam's race.
O praiſe the Lord, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, O praiſe the Lord!

(r) Pſal. lvii. 8. (s) Iſa. xlii. 11. (t) Iſa. xl. 28, 29.
(u) Iſa. xliii. 15. (v) 2 Cor. iv. 6. (w) Pſal. lxvii. 3, 5.
(x) Rev. xix. 1, - - - 6. (y) Gal. iv. 6. (z) Heb. iv. 16.
(a) Tit. iii. 5. (b) Pſal. cxlvii. 1. (c) Pſal. xxxiv. 3.
(d) Eph. i. 6, 7. (e) Iſa. xii. 4, 5, 6. (f) Rom. v. 8.

* Theſe two laſt lines in each verſe are only added as a chorus, *and may either be* uſed or omitted.

CCVI.

Evening Devotion.

Thanks and Praise for free Grace, with a lively hope reaching forward to Glory.

1 ETERNAL glory[g] be . . . 6
To our great God[h] on high! . . 6
Who gave his Son[i] to set us free, . . . 8
That we might never die[j]. 6
O praise the Lord, hallelujah, ... 8
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord! 8

2 In grateful songs we'll give
Thanks for his boundless love;
By whose free[k] grace alone we live,
And seek the things above[l].
O praise the Lord, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord!

3 We still, through his free grace,
To glory[m] will press on[n],—
Till we unveil'd behold his face[o],
And know our work is done.
O praise the Lord, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord!

4 Another day has prov'd
To us his guardian care[p];
Who from us evil[q] hath remov'd,
And ev'ry hurtful snare.
O praise the Lord, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord!

5 Ye angels, bear the sound
From earth above the skies;
And, O ye nations all around!
Let praise as incense[r] rise.
O praise the Lord, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, O praise the Lord!

(g) 1 Tim. i. 17. (h) Deut. x. 17. (i) John iii. 16.
(j) John vi. 50, 54. (k) Rom. iii. 24. (l) Col. iii. 2.
(m) 1 Pet. 5, 10. (n) Phil. iii. 14. (o) 1 Cor. xiii. 12.
(p) 1 Pet. v. 7. (q) Prov. xii. 21. (r) Rev. viii. 4.

CCVII.

EVENING *Ejaculations.*

1 KING OF GLORY[f]! let thy light . . 7
Shine upon us day and night: . . 7
Therewith let our ſouls be bleſt, . . 7
While our bodies are at reſt. . . . 7

2 If we to another day
In theſe earthly[s] houſes ſtay;
Lord, from evil do thou keep,
And renew our ſtrength with ſleep.

3 But ſhould thou permit that we
In the night afflicted be;
O aſſiſt us, by thy pow'r,
To ſurvive the trying hour.

4 If our mortal change ſhould come,
Take us to our long ſought home:
To that glorious land above
Of eternal[t] life and love.

CCVIII.

On JEHOVAH's Paternal Love,—proper for EVENING.

1 LET all that breathe[u] hoſannahs raiſe, . 8
And gladly ſing JEHOVAH's praiſe; . 8
Whoſe hand ſupplies all fleſh[v] with food, . 8
And ev'ry other needful good[w]! . . . 8

(f) Pſal. xxiv. 7, - - - 10. (s) 2 Cor. v. 1. (t) Mar. x. 30.
(u) Pſal. cl. 6. (v) Pſal. cxxxvi. 25. (w) Pſal. xxxiv. 10.

2 But we, the monuments of grace,
The fallen ſons of *Adam's* race,
Above the reſt, ought to declare
Thy love and wiſe paternal care.

3 This day, while dangers did ſurround,
Both ſeen and unſeen, we have found
The hand[x] that ſaveth from all ill,
To be our God and Saviour[y] ſtill.

4 The ſame almighty hand doth bleſs
Us with what faith[z] we now poſſeſs:
Lo this we exerciſe on thee,
And are through Chriſt from ſin ſet free[a].

5 Hence we lay down in peace to ſleep[b];
Us, Lord, do thou ſecurely keep:
For wholly in thy grace we truſt,
Whoſe love is[c] ſet upon the juſt.

CCIX.

Faith, Prayer, and Reſignation,—proper when laying down at NIGHT.

1 WE'LL now lay down in peace to reſt, 8
And put our truſt in thee: . . 6
The God who hath with pardon bleſt, . 8
And us from ſin ſet free! . . . 6
Be thou our keeper day and night, . . 8
For lo, the ſaints are thy delight[d]. . . 8

2 In darkeſt ſhades of midnight gloom,
O let the light[e] of grace
From thy moſt glorious preſence come,
That we may ſee thy face;
And ev'ry moment let us prove
A conſtant growth[f] in faith and love.

(x) John x. 28. (y) Iſa. xlv. 21, 22. (z) Eph. ii. 8.
(a) *Rom. viii. 1, 2.* (b) Pſal. iv. 8. (c) Pſal. xci. 14.——
1 John iii. 1, 2. (d) Prov. xi. 20. (e) 1 John i. 7. (f) Eph. iv. 15.

3 Shine on us, Lord, for lo we wait
Thy pleaſure to fulfil;
To ſtay or leave this mortal ſtate,
Which ever is thy will:
Hence all we have, and all we are,
We now commit unto thy care[g].

CCX.

A Figurative Deſcription of CHRIT *as a* SHEPHERD.

1 CHRIST, the GOOD SHEPHERD[h] of his ſheep, 8
Doth ſafely keep them from all harm; 8
But hirelings‡ either fall aſleep, . . . 8
Or fleeth at the wolf's alarm. . . . 8

2 How bleſt then are that little flock[i],
Who in his paſtures[j] ſafely feed?
In drought unto the ſhady rock[k],
And living ſtreams[l] he them doth lead.

3 He of himſelf his life laid down,
That he eternal life might give;
And this to all he will make known,
Who ſtill on barren mountains live.

4 Though far and wide his ſheep have ſtray'd,
Amidſt the dark and cloudy day;
They of one fold ſhall all be made,
And their CHIEF SHEPHERD'S[m] voice obey.

5 Hence we'll promulge his name with joy,
And gladly ſpread the joyful ſound;
For he at laſt will death deſtroy,
Till evil§ no where ſhall be found!

(g) 1 Pet. v. 7. (h) John x. 11, &c. (i) Luke xii. 32. (j) Ezek. xxxiv. 11, - - - 16. (k) Iſa. xxxii. 2. (l) Cant. iv. 15. (m) 1 Pet. v. 4.

‡ See *the Trial of Spirits*, by WILLIAM DELL; and *an Eſſay on Evangelical Purity*,—ſhewing the indiſpenſable neceſſity of holineſs to the being of a Goſpel-Miniſter, by RICHARD CLARIDGE: Alſo the note, page 163 and 164.

§ Concerning Jeſus, it is ſaid that he partook of fleſh and blood, *that through death he might deſtroy him that hath the power of death, that is,*

CCXI.

For GOD to manifeſt himſelf according to his Promiſe.

1 BEHOLD this congregation, Lord, . 8
That's met to pray and hear thy word: 8
As thou haſt promis'd—now appear[n], . . 8
And manifeſt[o] thy preſence here; . . 8
That by thy coming we may prove . . 8
The pow'r of thy redeeming[p] love: . . 8
'Tis to the living God[q], we cry! . . 8
For none elſe can our wants ſupply. . . 8

(n) Matt. xxviii. 19, 20. (o) John xiv. 20, 21.
(p) Rom. iii. 24. (q) Pſal. lxxxiv. 2.

the devil, Heb. ii. 14. And that *there ſhall be no more death, neither ſorrow, nor crying, neither ſhall there be any more pain, &c.* Rev. xxi. 4. and again that *there ſhall be no more curſe*, Rev. xxii. 3. Yet many goſpel miniſters and good men, by laying too much ſtreſs upon other paſſages of Scripture, do, in the moſt ſtrenuous manner, aſſert quite the contrary. Hence ſome have erroneouſly repreſented the GOD OF LOVE, *(whoſe mercy is everlaſting)* as being full of eternal implacable wrath to the greateſt part of mankind,—and to all the fallen angels. A few poetical lines which I have lately met with from an unknown author, I ſhall here give as a ſpecimen,—though big with infernal horror, far too ſhocking for the human underſtanding.

" Infinite years in torments ſhall I ſpend,
" That never, never, never have an end?
" And muſt I live in torturing deſpair
" As many years as atoms in the air?
" When theſe are gone, as many thouſands more,
" As grains of ſand that crowd the ebbing ſhore:
" When theſe are gone, as many to enſue,
" As piles of graſs on hills and dales that grew:
" When theſe are gone, as many more behind,
" As leaves in forests ſhaken with the wind:
" When theſe are gone, as many on the march,
" As ſtarry lamps that gild the ſpangled arch:
" When thoſe expir'd, as many millions more,
" As moments in the millions paſs'd before:
" When all theſe doleful years are ſpent in pain,
" And multiply'd by miſery again,
" Till numbers drown'd the thought, could I ſuppoſe
" That then my wretched years were at a cloſe?
" This would afford ſome eaſe. But O I ſhiver
" To think upon that dreadful word, for ever!
" This burning gulph, where I blaſpheming lie,
" 'Tis time, no more, but vaſt eternity!

For an anſwer to theſe, I refer the reader to the worthy labours of *the Rev.* ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

2 'Tis God we want,—that God alone
Who hath of old his wonders[r] ſhown!
With power come, and Lord, impart
True life to ev'ry waiting heart;
And grant that henceforth we may be
At all times wholly led by thee;
Till from this vale of tears we riſe
To ſing thy praiſe above the ſkies.

CCXII.

Faith in GOD for the fulfilment of his Promiſes.

1 JEHOVAH Jah! eternal is thy fame; . 10
Hence we are met to worſhip in thy name: 10
For Jeſu's ſake, O Lord, thy children hear, . 10
And now, as in the ancient days, appear[t]. . 10

2 Our off'ring and ourſelves, O God, receive,
For we do all thy promiſes believe;
Strengthen our faith, and let thy love combine
In all our works, to prove that we are thine.

3 Heaven and earth ſhall ſooner paſs[s] away
Than thou canſt lie[t], or thy own word gainſay!
Thou cannot change[u], nor yet thyſelf deny[v],—
Therefore we on thy faithfulneſs rely.

4 Thine arm ſhall ſave[w], and keep the faithful here
Unhurt by ſin or any ſervile fear:
Chriſt, to redeem from[x] death and miſery,
Did die, and hath for ever made us free!

(r) Pſal. lxxvii. 11. (ſ) Acts ii. 2, &c. (s) Matt. xxiv. 35.
(t) Tit. i. 2.—Heb. vi. 18. (u) Mal. iii. 6. (v) 2 Tim. ii. 13.
(w) Iſa. xl. 11. (x) Gal. iii. 13.

CCXV.

For Grace to bear Reproaches, and that GOD may ſave the Wicked.

1 TO ſave, O God, do thou ariſe[m], . 8
With grace repleniſh all our wants; . 8
For wicked men plot and deviſe . . 8
Which way they may deſtroy thy ſaints. . 8

2 With ſcornful taunts, and much diſdain,
They fret and foam, and madly rave;
Hence, with reproach and ſlanders vain,
They act more cruel[n] than the grave.

3 But ſav'd by thee, lo! we rejoice[o],
And on thy pow'r alone rely:
Thy will[p] for ever be our choice,
Through whom we all their rage defy.

4 Tremendous great almighty God!
Who rules o'er heav'n, and earth, and hell,
Shouldſt thou aſſume thy iron rod[q],
Oh! who their anguiſh[r] then could tell?

5 But ſuch as live in this ſad ſtate,
Do thou for Jeſu's ſake, we pray,
Anew in righteouſneſs create[ſ],
And ſave them from the downward way.

6 Come, holy Ghoſt, thou heav'nly Dove[s]!
Make all our foes with us to ſhare
A portion of redeeming[t] love,
And for a coming world prepare.

(m) Pſal. iii. 7. (n) Heb. xi. 36. (o) Matt. v. 10, 11, 12.
(p) Matt. vi. 10. (q) Rev. xix. 15. (r) Rom. ii. 9.
(ſ) Eph. ii. 10. (s) John i. 32. (t) Tit. ii. 14.

CCXVI.

To glorify GOD in Sufferings and in Death.

1 WITH joy[u], the ſaints[v] of the moſt High 8
On earth did ſuffer pain and loſs: . 8
Like them we ought to glorify . . 8
Our God, and bear the hallow'd croſs[w]. . 8

2 O may we glory[x] in the ſame,
And at our ſuff'rings not repine,
But welcome pain, and loſs, and ſhame,—
Our lives, and all for Chriſt reſign.

3 Victorious[y] when we ceaſe to breathe,
May we a crown[z] of life obtain;
Then wearing this triumphal wreath,
Lord, let us view the monſter ſlain[a].

4 Lo! what a cloud[b] of witneſſes
Have ſuffer'd gladly for thy name:
Theſe all went through this wilderneſs;
Grant us like faith to do the ſame.

CCXVII.

For the Salvation of the Perſecuted, and their Perſecutors.

1 ALMIGHTY God[c] of ſov'reign pow'r! . 8
Look from thy throne above; . . 6
And in temptation's trying hour . . 8
Support us by thy love. 6

2 For ſinners[d] hunt us up and down;
They drive us to and fro,
To deſert lands or caves unknown,
Bent on our overthrow.

(u) Heb. x. 34. (v) Dan. vii. 25. (w) Luke xiv. 27.
(x) Gal. vi. 14. (y) 1 Cor. xv. 57. (z) Rev. ii. 10.
(a) Eph. ii. 16. (b) Heb. xi. 1, - - - 40.—xii. 1. (c) Gen. xvii. 1.
(d) *Mic. vii. 2.*

3 Brothers in Chriſt, who love moſt dear,
Are forc'd to part far wide;
But thou art preſent every where!
They can't thy church[e] divide.

4 For thou her number[f] aſcertains,
And ſafe doth ZION keep[g]:
Come, Lord, and bind our foes in chains,
And ſave thy ſcatter'd ſheep[h].

5 Let our fierce hunters feel thy rod,
And them correction give,
That they may know that thou art God,
And turn to thee and live.

CCXVIII.

God is a Defence to the Righteous, but he Rebukes the Wicked.

1 GOD is a ſure defence[i] to thoſe
Who in his name do truſt:
He ſaves from all combined foes
Who ſeek to ſlay the juſt.

2 At his rebukes[j] the wicked flee,
Confounded and diſtreſs'd;
Aſham'd[k], while they the righteous ſee,
With his ſalvation bleſs'd.

3 Sing, therefore, ye redeem'd, with joy
Unto the Lord moſt high!
For ever all your pow'rs employ,
His name to magnify.

(e) Matt. xvi. 18. (f) Matt. x. 30. (g) Iſa. xlvi.
(h) Jer. xxiii. 1, - - - 4. (i) Pſal. lxii. 2, 6. (j) Pſal. xxxix.
(k) Luke xiii. 17.

CCXIX.

On Chriſt Metaphorically Repreſented as the BREAD OF LIFE.

1 O Joyful tidings for mankind! . . 6
The diſpenſation's o'er[l] . . . 8
Of types, for Chriſt is come we find,— . 8
Theſe are of uſe[m] no more. . . . 6

2 Why ſhould we long or fret for theſe
Poor elemental things,
That can't the burthen'd conſcience eaſe
Of guilt which ſinning brings?

3 Lo ſhadows[n] are wax'd old and vain,
And ſoon ſhall die away;
But Chriſt the ſubſtance[o] doth remain
The ſame without decay!

4 We eat his fleſh[p], we drink his blood,
And wholly live thereby:
Except this be our daily food
We loſe our ſtrength and die.

5 Through him[q], we with the Father find
Acceptance, joy, and peace;
And are to ſuff'ring made reſign'd,
When troubles moſt increaſe.

6 Hence love is cold, true joy is fled,
And peace is at an end,
If we receive not living bread ‡
From Chriſt, the ſinner's friend.

(l) Rom. vi. 14.—Gal. iii. 23, 24, 25.—iv. 4. (m) Gal. iii. 21. —Heb. vii. 19. (n) Col. ii. 17.—Heb. x. 1. (o) Heb. x. 34. (p) John vi. 53,---56. (q) Rom. v. 1, &c.

‡ See the note, page 193 and 194.

7 For this we therefore pray, O Lord,
We aſk it in his name[r]:
Our truſt is alſo in thy word,
Which promiſeth[f] the ſame.

8 Thine arms are open while we pray,
More of this food to give;
By eating thereof, day by day,
We ſhall for ever live.

CCXX.

The Church Militant exulting in GOD.

1 FATHER of Spirits[s] bright! . . . 6
What glorious beams of light[t] . . 6
Still ſhine on all thy church below? . . 8
'Tis thy peculiar care[u], ... 6
(Moſt beautiful and fair) 6
Which hell[v] can never overthrow! . . 8

2 Supported by thy love,
We climb to realms above,
And tread the world beneath our feet!
We ſmile at toil and wo,
Triumphing as we go.
Until we all our foes defeat!

3 Though floods[w] and ſtorms ariſe,
And darkneſs ſpread the ſkies,
Of victory[x] we're always ſure:
None can the God defy[y],
On whom we do rely,—
Who doth from age to age endure!

(r) John xiv. 13, 14.—xv. 7. (ſ) 1 John ii. 25. (s) Heb. xii. 9. (t) 2 Cor. iv. 6. (u) Matt. vi. 25, - - - 34.—1 Cor. iii. 16.—Eph. v. 25.—1 Pet. v. 7. (v) Matt. xvi. 18. (w) Iſa. lix. 19. (x) 1 Cor. xv. 57.—1 John v. 4. (y) 1 Sam. xvii. 45, - - - - 51.

4 Soon death and hell ſhall own[z]
Us heirs to thy bright throne:
With joy, O God, we'll then adore,
And loud in ſongs proclaim
The honours of thy name,
For ever and for evermore!

CCXXI.

Proclamation and Exhortation.

1 O Thou, through whom we find . . 6
Pardon and peace[a] of mind, . . 6
Of thee we'll ſing; 4
And to the fallen race 6
Tell of thy wond'rous grace[b], . . . 6
For lo, in ev'ry place[c], ... 6
GOD IS OUR KING[d]! 4

2 Serve[e] him, ye nations all,
And while his love doth call[f]
Some tribute bring:
Gratefully homage pay,
Bow to his kingly ſway,
And own without diſmay
GOD IS OUR KING[g]!

3 Loudly, in ſolemn lays,
Echo his laſting praiſe;
Make the earth ring!
Call men to ſhare his love,
That all the world may prove
Here, and in heav'n above[h],
GOD IS OUR KING!

(z) 1 Cor. vi. 2, 3.—1 Theſ. iv. 14. (a) Rom. v. 1. (b) Zech. iv. 7.—John i. 16.—Rom. v. 2. (c) Prov. xv. 3. (d) Pſal. v. 2.—lxxxiv. 3. (e) Deut. x. 12. (f) Prov. viii. 4. (g) Pſal. xliv. 4.—xlvii. 6, 7.—lxviii. 24.—lxxiv. 12.—xcv. 3.—Iſa. xliii. 15.—liv. 5.—1 Tim. i. 17.—vi. 15. (h) Rev. xv. 3.

CCXXII.

On Worldly Vanities.

1 WHAT vanity of vanities[i] . . 8
Are all things here below? . . 6
Vexation to the righteous is . . . 8
All elſe but God to know: . . 6
For this world can no good afford, . . 8
But as it cometh from the Lord. . . 8

2 Shall worldly cares then clog the wheels
Of our devotion here,—
And ſtay the lib'ral hand that deals
Out bleſſings ev'ry where?
Not ſo, therefore diſperſe, and fly
Away, ye ſhades of vanity!

3 Come, O thou moſt ſubſtantial GOD[j]
And all our faith employ:
Feed ev'ry ſoul with angels food[k],—
Love, peace, and endleſs joy[l];
And when, by death, the ſignal's giv'n,
Remove us ſafe from earth to heav'n.

CCXXIII.

Longing Deſires with a Reliance on GOD.

1 UP to thy throne above . . . 6
Our longing hearts we raiſe: . . 6
Lord, ſatisfy[m] us with thy love, . . . 8
And favour all our days. . . . 6

(i) Eccl. i. 2, 14, 17.—ii. 1, 17, 21, 26.—iv. 4, 16.—vi. 9.—xii. 8.
(j) Luke xviii. 19. (k) Pſal. lxxviii. 25. (l) Gal. v. 22.
(m) Pſal. xc. 14.

2 Alone, O God, on thee
For all things we depend:
Thou art, and wilt for ever be
Our never-failing FRIEND[n]!

3 Hence, we through life and death
Will magnify thy name;
And gladly with our lateſt breath
Thy boundleſs love proclaim.

CCXXIV.

For Sincerity and Fitneſs for Heaven.

1 KING of GLORY[o], from on high, . . 7
To thy waiting church draw nigh; . 7
And from ev'ry ſoul remove . . . 7
All contrary to thy love. 7

2 O that nothing inſincere
While we worſhip may appear:
Come, and now our wants redreſs,
Till we all thy mind poſſeſs[p].

3 Fit us for that place of reſt[q],
Where, with endleſs bleſſings bleſt,
We ſhall with bright angels raiſe
Loud hoſannahs to thy praiſe.

CCXXV.

Praiſe, Dedication, and Prayer.

1 THOU God of glorious[r] majeſty! . 8
To whom all praiſe belongs, . . 6
Help us to make ſweet melody . . 8
With joyful hearts and tongues. . . 6

(n) Prov. xviii. 24.—Heb. xiii. 5, 6. (o) Pſal. xxiv. 7, - - - 10. (p) Phil. ii. 5. (q) Heb. iv. 9.—Rev. xiv. 13. (r) Exod. xv. 6, 11.—*Pſal. cxlv. 5, - - - - 13.*

2 We to thy ſervice dedicate
The ſtrength which thou haſt giv'n:
For glory[r] thou did man create,
Then fit us, Lord, for heav'n.

3 Let light, and life, and love divine,
Come down to us from thee;
For all we have, and are is thine[s],
And ſhall for ever be.

CCXXVI.

The Prayer of Faith.

1 COME now, moſt gracious Lord! . . 6
We wait with one accord . . 6
Thy ſaints inheritance to prove[t]: . . . 8
O ratify and ſeal[u] 6
And in each breaſt reveal 6
The treaſures of redeeming love. . . . 8

2 New comforts ſtill make known
From thy effulgent throne,
And lead us on from grace to grace,
Till perfect and complete
We in thy kingdom meet,
To view thee always face to face[v].

3 Exulting till that day,
We urge and fight our way,
Truſting in thine omnipotence!
And while our God is near,
What cauſe have we to fear?
Who, who can harm or pluck[w] us hence?

(r) 1 Cor. xi. 7.—1 Pet. v. 10. (s) 1 Cor. iii. 23. (t) Col. i. 12.
(u) 2 Cor. i. 22. (v) Cor. xiii. 12. (w) John x. 29.

CCXXVII.

rd to manifeſt his Glory according to his Promiſe.

D, at thy throne of grace we meet, . 8
bow and worſhip at thy feet; . 8
haſt promis'd[x] to appear,— . . 8
eſt thy glory here, . . . 8
ry heart, and ev'ry tongue, . . . 8
iſe thee with a joyful ſong; . . 8
ceforth, with freſh joys in view, . 8
y to day, the theme renew. . . 8

preſs on towards the prize[y],
rk where hidden treaſure lies[z])
ly confidence in thee,
vn'd above with victory[a];
ve ſhall feel and comprehend
aſures that will never end[b];
re, with all the choirs above[c],
ſing of Jeſu's love!

CCXXVIII.

general Invitation to Praiſe GOD.

God, who into being brought . 8
ll things[d], and made them out of nought! 8
eternal praiſe be giv'n . . . 8
les o'er hell, and earth, and heav'n[e]: 8
oniſh'd worlds, adore . . . 8
chiefs majeſty and pow'r! . . 8
n to ſpread his wond'rous fame, . 8
d his attributes proclaim! . . 8

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xviii. 19, 20. (y) Phil. iii 14. (z) Matt. vi. 20, 21.
. 54. (b) Pſal xvi. 11. (c) Rev. v. 9, - - - 13.
(e) Pſal. ciii. 19.

2 Join, join, ye heav'ns, in lofty ſtrains,
The LORD JEHOVAH ever reigns[f]!
And all ye ſaints below the ſkies,
From you let thanks as incenſe riſe;
And though words cannot half expreſs
His love, his truth, and righteouſneſs;
Yet, with ſuch pow'rs as we are bleſt,
To praiſe him let us do our beſt.

CCXXIX.

On the Pleaſure which thoſe enjoy who walk ſtedfaſtly in the ways of GOD.

1 HOW pleaſant[g] is the way to life, . 8
To thoſe who walk therein; . . . 6
Who keep from jangling, wrath, and ſtrife, . 8
And ev'ry other ſin? 6

2 Lo ev'ry hill and ev'ry grove
With riches do abound!
There peace[h], and joy, and pureſt love
Is always to be found.

3 The lawns are deck'd with ſweeteſt flow'rs[i],
That yield a fragrant ſmell;
Midſt arbors and delightful bow'rs,
Which nothing can excel.

4 There ev'ry month, the year quite through,
The leaves[j] are freſh and green;
And fruit hangs thick on ev'ry bough,
A ſweet delightful ſcene!

5 The ſaints of God go hand in hand,
Rejoicing[k] as they walk;
And in this pleaſant fruitful land[l],
They with their Saviour talk.

(f) Pſal. xciii. 1, 2.—xcvii. 1.—Rev. xix. 6. (g) Prov. iij. 17. (h) Rom. v. 1.—xiv. 17.—Gal. v. 22. (i) Can. ij. 12, 13.—Hoſ. xiv. 5, 6. (j) Rev. xxii. 2. (k) Joel ii. 23. (l) Iſa. lxii. 4.

6 He keeps them ſafely, day by day,
From all that might alarm:
No rav'nous beaſt[m], or bird of prey[n],
Can ever do them harm.

7 Happy! thrice happy is their caſe[o],
Thus ſaved by the Lord!
That people, who the truth[p] embrace
According to his word.

8 Be this our caſe, for we are thine,—
Come, Lord, and let us prove
Thy all-ſufficient[q] grace divine,
To perfect us in love.

CCXXX.

Remarks on the Privileges of the Righteous; and a Prayer to experience them.

1 GREAT God! when men thy laws forſake 8
We ſee they ſoon grow blind[r]: . . 6
Of earthly things a god they make, . . 8
And feed upon the wind[r]. 6

2 But who, among all *Adam's* race,
Such joyful news can tell,
As ſinners which are ſav'd by grace
From ſin, and death, and hell?

3 As thoſe whoſe faith and love declare
Their fellowſhip with thee;
Who exerciſe themſelves in pray'r,
Cloth'd with humility?

4 As thoſe that do thy precepts read
With pleaſure and delight;
And conſtant in thy footſteps tread,
Unwearied day and night?

(m) Iſa. xxxv. 9. (n) Jer. xxx. 16, 17. (o) Pſal. cxliv. 15. (p) John viii. 31, 32. (q) 2 Cor. iii. 5.—xii. 9. (r) Deut. xxxii. 15, ---18. (ſ) Hoſ. xii. 1.

5 Theſe can rejoice with all their might,
With joy unſpeakable;
And are moſt precious[s] in thy ſight,
Who thus perform thy will.

6 They Abba Father[t] boldly cry,
When proſtrate at thy throne:
Joint-heirs with Jeſus they draw nigh,
For they are thine alone.

7 Lord, what are we who worſhip now?
Are we the ſons of grace?
O that thou would ſome token ſhow
Of favour from thy face.

8 Through Chriſt more fully let us prove
The virtue of his blood[u],
By thy paternal care and love[v],
Thou PARENT OF ALL GOOD!

CCXXXI.

On the Joyful State of the Children of GOD, and his Love towards them.

1 WHAT tongue can tell the joy divine[w], 8
Which all God's children do poſſeſs? 8
With ev'ry grace their lives do ſhine,— 8
And with the fruits of righteouſneſs: 8
They in JEHOVAH do delight, 8
And are moſt precious[x] in his ſight. 8

2 Behold the bottomleſs abyſs
Of love[y] in Chriſt to all mankind!
Thoſe who had fallen far from bliſs,
May ſtill through him acceptance find;
Though we deſerv'd a dreadful doom,
His interceſſion[z] makes us room.

(s) *Pſal.* cxvi. 15.—Lam. iv. 2. (t) Rom. viii. 15, 16, 17.
(u) *1 John i. 7.* (v) 1 John iii. 1. (w) Iſa. xxxv. 10.—
Rom. xiv. 17. (x) Pſal. cxvi. 15. (y) Eph. v. 2. (z) Heb. vii. 25.

3 His all-atoning[a] blood prevails
With God, and hence his arms are ſpread,
To ſave when hell doth moſt aſſail
Againſt the bare defenceleſs head:
He makes the raging[b] billows ceaſe,
And keeps the lowly mind in peace.

4 O how ſuch love invites the praiſe
Of all who are in Chriſt belov'd:
Ye ranſom'd ones, your voices raiſe,
Who have this great ſalvation prov'd;
Sing praiſe to him who reigns above—
The God of everlaſting love[c].

CCXXXII.

Praiſe and Prayer.

1 LET all the ranſom'd[d] ſons of grace . 8
To God give thanks and ſing . . 6
Through Chriſt, and bow before his face . 8
Who did ſalvation[e] bring. 6

2 For it is meet, and right, and good
To praiſe the Saviour's name,
Who hath redeem'd us, by his blood[f],
From miſery and ſhame.

3 Come, O EMANUEL[g], appear,—
Be "God with us" to-day:
Now manifeſt thy glory here
While we together pray.

4 We are thy church, in us abide,
And ev'ry moment bleſs:
O make us wholly free from pride
And all unrighteouſneſs.

(a) Rom. v. 11. (b) Jonah i. 11, - - - 15.—ii. 3.—Luke viii. 24.
(c) Jer. xxxi. 3. (d) Iſa. xxxv. 10. (e) Heb. v. 9.
(f) 1 Pet. i. 18, 19.—Rev. v. 9. (g) Iſa. vii. 14.—Matt. i. 23.

5 May all our words and works begin,
Go on, and end in thee,
Till in thy kingdom we're ſhut in,
To all eternity.

CCXXXIII.

Praiſe for the Mercy and Love of GOD.

1 QUICK to thine altar[h], Lord, we fly . 8
To offer living praiſe[i]; 6
Reſolving through thy grace to die . . 8
In wiſdom's pleaſant ways[j]. 6

2 For lo, like man who ever knew
Such ſuperlative grace[k],
Didſt thou to fallen angels ſhew
It, as to *Adam's* race.

3 Were they not doom'd to much more pain,
And for a longer time§
Than us who were, and yet remain
Abſolved[l] from our crime.

4 We own our finite wiſdom fails
To tell the reaſon why
Thy mercy thus for us prevails,
Who did deſerve to die.

(h) Heb. xiii. 10. (i) Iſa. xxxviii. 19.——Rom. xii. 1.
(j) Prov. iii. 17. (k) John i. 16.——Rom. v. 1, - - - - - 21.
(l) Acts xiii. 39.—Rom. iii. 24.—Tit. iii. 4, - - - 7.

§ We are told that *the Angels which kept not their firſt eſtate, but left their own habitation,* GOD *hath reſerved in everlaſting chains, under darkneſs, unto the judgment of the great day,* Jude 6. In this paſſage (as in many others of the like nature) it is quite evident that the word EVERLASTING can mean nothing more than for a long time,—becauſe an end is propoſed in this latter clauſe, UNTO THE JUDGEMENT OF THE GREAT DAY.—For farther information upon this ſubject, ſee a book, entitled *The Everlaſting Goſpel*, &c. written originally in German, by PAUL SIEGVOLCK; but tranſlated into Engliſh, *at Pennſylvania*, in the year 1792.

5 Amazing grace beyond degree!
O glorious pledge of love:
This ſubject our glad theme ſhall be
When time ſhall ceaſe to move.

CCXXXIV.

Exhortation to Faithfulneſs and Perſeverance.

1 REVERE your God! and worſhip him alone, 10
Ye ſaints, and bow before his ſacred throne: 10
Exulting riſe, free grace[m] aloud proclaim, . 10
And ſpread abroad, through all the earth, his fame. 10

2 Continue faithful,—ſtand and perſevere;
With courage bid the nations all draw near:
Through Jeſus Chriſt God's great ſalvation prove[n],
And freely feaſt on his redeeming love.

3 Ceaſe not at all, but publiſh ev'ry where
His mercy[o], and his awful truths[p] declare:
Let your example, like his precept ſhine[q],
And prove the ſaving pow'r of grace divine.

4 The people who employed, thus are found,
Shall ſhortly be with endleſs glory crown'd[r]:
This is our choice, continue, Lord, to own
Our labours, and them with thy bleſſings crown.

CCXXXV.

On the Terreſtrial and Celeſtial Heavens.

1 O Thou, by whom all things were made[s] 8
In heav'n above and earth below! . 8
The ſun itſelf is but thy ſhade, . . . 8
When it doth moſt its glory ſhow. . . 8

(m) Rom. iii. 24. viii. 32.—1 Cor. ii. 12. (n) Luke i. 77. (o) Pſal. cili. 8, 11, 17.—cxlv. 8, 9. (p) Pſal. ix. 17.—Luke xiii. 27, 28. (q) Matt. v. 16. (r) 1 Pet. v. 4. (ſ) John i. 3.

2 Yet this, and all thy works[s] in one,
Combine their Maker to diſplay:
Lo time and ſeaſons[t] all glide on,
And move in thine appointed way.

3 Nature in ſilent accents praiſe,
And own thee through the midnight hour:
The moon, with her faint borrow'd rays,
In ev'ry change proclaims thy pow'r.

4 Throughout the ſtarry heavens[u] bright,
Thy wond'rous works of wiſdom ſhine!
Each ſparkling orb declares thy might,
And endleſs majeſty divine!

5 Great works!—Yet what are all theſe globes
To thy moſt glorious ſeat above;
Where ſaints array'd in ſpotleſs robes[x],
And angels celebrate[y] thy love?

6 For in the NEW JERUSALEM[z]
No ſun by day, or moon by night
Is needful there,—for lo, the Lamb
Doth wholly fill the place with light!

7 Compar'd to him, both ſun and moon
Can ſcarce be ſaid at all to ſhine:
His preſence makes perpetual noon,
And all things glorious and divine!

CCXXXVI.

On the glorious Majeſty of God.

1 LO! our great God[a] on high, . . 6
With matchleſs pow'r doth reign: . 6
His glorious majeſty 6
The heavens can't contain[b] . . . 6
Effulgent light 4
His ſaints do ſee, ... 4
Where-e'er they be, ... 4
Both day and night. . . . 4

(s) Pſ. cxlv. 10. (t) Gen. i. 14.—Pſ. civ. 19. (u) Pſ. xix. 1.
(x) Rev. vii. 9, 13, 14. (y) Rev. v. 9,---14. (z) Rev. xxi. 2, 10, 23.—xxii. 5. (a) Deut. x. 17.——2 Chron. ii. 5.
(b) 1 Kin. viii. 27.

2 The riches of his love
To *Adam's* fallen race,
Come, brethren, let us prove,
And feaſt on his free grace[c],
That we may grow,
And alſo ſhine
Like him divine,
While here below.

3 Salvation quite complete
In Chriſt[d] we ſhall obtain:
Shall death[e] in triumph meet,
And ſee the monſter ſlain!
Wherefore rejoice,
Give thanks and ſing,
And praiſe our KING[f]
With heart and voice.

4 Let joyful ſongs ariſe
From all the earth to him;
And all above the ſkies,
In one perpetual hymn,
Reſound his fame,
And never ceaſe,
But with increaſe
Extol his name!

CCXXXVII.

Invitation and Encouragement to the Heirs of Glory.

1 COME join to praiſe the Lord, . . 6
Ye heirs of his bleſt throne; . . 6
Chriſt's dying love[g] record, ... 6
Who for our ſakes alone 6
Did on the tree[h] 4
Reſign his breath, ... 4
And ſuffer death 4
To ſet us free! 4

(c) Iſa. lv. 1.—Rom. viii. 32. (d) Heb. v. 9. (e) 1 Cor. xv. 57. (f) Pſal. lxxxix. 18. (g) Eph. v. 2. (h) Acts xiii. 29.—1 Pet. ii. 24.

2 Now let us ſpread his fame
With joy and great delight;
Give glory to his name,
Through whom[i] both day and night,
We mercy find,
And fully prove
God ſtill doth love
To ſave mankind.

3 In ſongs of loud applauſe
His matchleſs love we'll ſing,
Who died[j] in our cauſe,
And did ſalvation bring!
For his free grace[k]
Hoſannah's raiſe,
And ſolemn lays
In ev'ry place.

4 With glorious triumph ſoon,
Lo all his ſaints ſhall riſe[l],
And in eternal noon[m],
Above the ſtarry ſkies,
Immortal[n] ſhine
In him complete,
And there repeat
His praiſe divine!

CCXXXVIII.

On the Perfection of GOD.

1 ALMIGHTY[o] God! how wondrous great? 8
How glorious is thy name? . . 6
Thine attributes are all complete, . . 8
And works likewiſe the ſame: . . 6
Thy word immutable[p] doth ſtand . . 8
In ev'ry promiſe and command. . . 8

(i) Rom. v. 1.——vi. 23. (j) Rom. xiv. 9. (k) Rom. iii. 24.
(l) John v. 28, 29. (m) Rev. xxi. 23.—xxii. 5. (n) Rom. ii. 7.
—1 Cor. xv. 53. (o) Iſa. xlv. 5, &c. (p) Heb. vi. 17, 18.

2 Of old[q] all things ſet forth thy grace,
Thy fame and great renown;
Superior love to Adam's race
Could never be made known
Above what uſher'd in ſo bright,
The day of glorious goſpel[r] light.

3 Stupendous grace! O ſtand and view,
His love is not grown cold;
But is to ſinners ſtill as new[ſ]
As in the days of old;
Nor can it change, or know decay,
Though heav'n and earth both paſs away!

4 Our pow'rs ſhall therefore all be ſpent
In one eternal ſong;
But to the full we cannot vent
What does to thee belong!
Thy merits infinitely ſhew
Thou can't from us receive thy due[t]!

5 The higheſt anthems fill'd with praiſe,—
Moſt lofty hymns divine,—
Beſt ſongs that voice or art can raiſe,
When all their force combine,
Will fail, for language can't ſet forth
In full the Sav'our's real worth!

6 Yet, Lord, we'll try back to reſtore
Some tribute unto heav'n,
By being grateful, more and more,
For what thy bounty's giv'n;
And hence devote[t] to thy decree,
Ourſelves to all eternity.

(q) Pſal. xxv. 6.—xliv. 1.—lxxiv. 12.—cii. 25. (r) Matt. i. 21. —Luke ii. 10.—2 Cor. iv. 4, 6. (ſ) Rom. viii. 32, - - - - 39.— 1 John iii. 1, 2. (t) Luke xvii. 10. (t) Lev. xxvii. 28.

CCXXXIX.

On the Incarnation of Chriſt.

1 LO, the glorious incarnation! . . 8
CHRIST is of a virgin[u] born; . . 7
For us men and our ſalvation[v], . . 8
Celebrate the happy morn! . . . 7
Praiſe him, ſinners,— . . . 4
He ſhall now our ſouls adorn. . . . 7

2 Though his birth was in a manger[w]
Where the brutal creatures fed,
Free from earthly pomp and grandeur,
Angels did ſurround his bed;
And bright glory
Shone around his ſacred head.

3 Here is cauſe for joy and wonder!
Let the whole creation ſing,—
Read his love,—behold and ponder,
Why he ſhould become our KING!
Or why angels
Should be ſent ſuch news to bring!

4 Welcome! O what welcome tidings
Unto all the fallen race;
Ceaſe from doubtful, ſinful chidings;—
He is full of truth and grace[x]:
Lo what glory
Beams from the MESSIAH'S[y] face!

5 Beauty innocence careſſing;
Love in all his looks are ſeen:
He hath brought us ev'ry bleſſing,
And can make the fouleſt clean:
Hail the lowly[z]
Meek deſpiſed NAZARENE[a]!

(u) Matt. i. 18, - - - - 25. (v) Luke i. 77. (w) Luke ii. 7, - - - - 13. (x) John i. 14, 17. (y) John i. 41. (z) Matt. xi. 29. (a) Matt. ii. 23.

CCXL.

On the Nativity of Chriſt.

1 HARK how the herald angels ſing 8
In heav'nly ſongs of ſolemn mirth; 8
And ſwift the joyful news they bring 8
To us, of our REDEEMER's birth[b]! 8

2 Long hath God's ancient ſeers foretold[c]
That this glad day was drawing near:
In *Bethlehem*[d] at length behold
A ſpotleſs virgin[e] doth him bear!

3 There he was born, how mean in ſtate?
His birth was in the oxen's ſtall!
That time we now commemorate,
And worſhip him the Lord of all.

4 But ſumptuous Grandeur! bluſh with ſhame,
That in the Inn there was no room
For the MESSIAH, when he came
To ſave us from our dreadful doom.

5 Yet glory ſhone around the place
Where Jeſus in the manger lay:
In him both love, and truth, and grace
Shines clearly to the perfect day!

6 The eaſtern wiſemen ſaw a ſtar[f],
Which led them to their new-born KING:
They gold, and frankincenſe, and myrrh,
To him with joy did humbly bring.

7 Like them we offer thanks and praiſe,
And do devote[g], with one accord,
Our time, our ſtrength, and all our days
Henceforth for ever to the Lord.

(b) Luke ii. 9, - - - 13. (c) Deut. xviii. 15.—Iſa. vii. 14.—Mic. v. 2. (d) Matt. ii. 1, 5, 6. (e) Matt. i. 18, - - - - 25.—Luke ii. 7, - - - - 13. (f) Matt. ii. 1, - - - 11. (g) Lev. xxvii. 28.

CCXLI.

On the Nativity of Chriſt.

1 SHEPHERDS[h] abiding in the field, . . 8
Were watching o'er their flocks by night; 8
And lo, an angel was reveal'd, ... 8
Which made them fearful at his ſight. . . 8

2 Fear not, the gracious herald ſaid,
" I bring good tidings of great joy:
" Jeſus hath his appearance made,
" The devil's kingdom to deſtroy.

3 " For unto you is born this day,
" A Saviour which is Chriſt the Lord!
" In *Bethlehem* the child ſurvey,
" And ſing his praiſe with one accord.

4 " Mark, this ſhall be a ſign to you,—
" Ye there ſhall find the babe diſplay'd
" Wrapped in ſwaddling cloths; O view
" Him humbly in a manger laid!"

5 Then with the angel ſuddenly
There did appear a ſhining throng,
To praiſe his glorious majeſty;
Who thus addreſs'd him with a ſong.

6 " Glory to God, in the higheſt,
" On earth, peace, good-will towards men:
" In him all nations ſhall be bleſt!"
With heart and voice we ſay—*Amen.*

CCXLII.

On the Nativity of Chriſt.

1 HARK how angels are reſounding . . 8
Joyful tidings from above: . . . 7
Grace[i] to ſinners is abounding . . . 8
Through the true MESSIAH's love! . 7

(h) Luke ii. 8, - - - - 14. (i) Rom. v. 20, 21.

2 Now with joyful acclamation
Let us all give thanks and ſing,—
Bow with humble adoration,
And accept him for our KING[k]!

3 Lo he ſaw the loſt condition[l]
Of all *Adam's* fallen race;
And obtain'd them free admiſſion
Back into a ſtate of grace[m].

4 Hence our only wiſe CREATOR[n],
Can offenders back reſtore;
Who through CHRIST, their MEDIATOR[o],
Do aright his aid implore.

5 Faith[p] doth cauſe ſin's extirpation,
And true liberty[q] within:
Thus the AUTHOR of ſalvation[r]
Makes an utter end of ſin[r]!

CCXLIII.

The Thanks and Praiſe of finite Creatures, conſidered as being too ſmall for the Benefits flowing from INFINITE LOVE.

1 COME, brethren, praiſe the Lord moſt High! 8
Whoſe glory fills both earth and ſky: . 8
O let us now, with heart and voice, . . 8
Together in his love rejoice. . . . 8

2 Our God is worthy to receive
More thanks and praiſe than we can give;
He ſaw us when from him we fell[t],
And ſnatch'd us from the jaws of hell!

(k) Pſal. ii. 6, &c. (l) Rom. v. 6, - - - - 21. (m) John i. 14, 16, 17.——Rom. iii. 24.——Eph. i. 7. (n) Rom. xvi. 27. (o) 1 Tim. ii. 5. (p) Rom. v. 1. 2.—Eph. ii. 8. (q) Gal. v. 1. (r) Heb. v. 9. (ſ) Heb. ix. 12, 14, 26, 28. (t) Gen. iii. 6, - - - 15.

3 He gave[u] his Son, who freely came[v]
Man to redeem[w] from ſin and ſhame;
Chriſt gladly came to do us good,
And for us ſpilt his precious blood[y]!

4 The heavy curſe[z] he did ſuſtain,
Which due to ſinners did remain;
For ſin he did atonement[a] make,
Hence God forgives us for his ſake[b].

5 Come therefore, ſinners, quickly come
To him whoſe mercy makes you room[c];
An humble[d] ſuit he can't deny,
Or let a mourning[e] ſinner die!

6 All who aright in Chriſt believe[f],
Of God true pardon do receive:
Peace[g] and immortal joy they prove,
And always feel that God is love[h]!

7 Praiſe the eternal great I AM[i];
Aſcribe ſalvation to the Lamb[k];
With all the bright angelic hoſt[l],
Praiſe Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt*!

CCXLIV.

On the Death of a Child.

1 BEHOLD the corpſe!† the lifeleſs clay, . 8
Wherein the ſoul awhile was bound: . 8
Left till the reſurrection[m] day,— . 8
Till the laſt trump[n] of God ſhall ſound! . 8

(u) John iii. 16. (v) Heb. x. 7, 9. (x) Gal. iii. 13.
(y) 1 Pet. i. 19. (z) Deut. xxi. 23. (a) Rom. v. 11.
(b) Eph. iv. 32.—1 John ii. 12. (c) Luke xiv. 22. (d) Iſa. lvii. 15.
(e) Matt. v. 4. (f) Acts xiii. 38, 39.—Rom. iii. 19, - - - - 31.
(g) Gal. v. 22. (h) 1 John iv. 8, 16. (i) Exod. iii. 14.
(k) Rev. vii. 10. (l) Rev. v. 8, - - - - 14. (m) John v. 28, 29.
(n) 1 Cor. xv. 52.—1 Theſ. iv. 16.

† See the note, page 96 and 97.

* I compoſed this and the following hymn on the death of MARY PEEL, while ſhe was a corpſe beſides me. She was, at that time, my only daughter; and they were ſung before her, by thoſe who attended her to the grave,—except a few alterations which I have *made ſince*, by way of improvement.

2 *Her* cheeks have loſt their lovely red,—
The luſtre bright has left *her* eyes:
No muſic can delight the dead;
Her tongue in awful ſilence lies.

3 No more ſhall anguiſh ſwell *her* heart,
Or pierce it through with killing pain:
Her hands and feet have loſt their art,
And lifeleſs all *her* limbs remain.

4 The gloomy grave (where nations lie)
May for a time confine *her* clay;
But when JEHOVAH cleaves the ſky!
She 'll join the triumph of that day.

5 Hence in the grave *her* corpſe we drop,
And earth commit to earth again;
Reſting in ſure and certain hope[o]
That *ſhe* ſhall riſe with Chriſt to reign[p]!

6 *Her* ſoul and body ſhall unite,—
Made all immortal[q] and divine;
And dreſs'd in robes of ſpotleſs white[r],
Shall in perpetual glory ſhine[ſ]!

7 Then why ſhould parents once complain,
That *ſhe* ſo ſoon is taken hence?
We only part to meet again,
Where joy[s] eternal will commence!

CCXLV.

For a Funeral.

1 YE mortal men, in time prepare . . 8
For glory in a world to come! . . 8
Death, when commiſſion'd, none[t] will ſpare, 8
Though like a roſe in perfect bloom. . . 8

(o) Rom. v. 2.——Heb. vi. 11, 19. (p) Matt. xix. 14.——Rev. xxii. 5. (q) 1 Cor. xv. 53, 54. (r) Rev. vii. 9.—xix. 8. (ſ) Matt. xiii. 43. (s) Iſa. xxxv. 10.—li. 11. (t) Heb. ix. 27.

2 The infant weak, the vig'rous youth,
The hoary head alike muſt bow;
Let none forget God's word is truth[u]!
Which bids us all make ready[v] now.

3 Juſt as we fall, ſo muſt we lie[w],—
There's no repentance in the grave[x];
If in our ſins at laſt we die[y],
We certain miſery ſhall have[z].

4 The RIGHTEOUS JUDGE[a] will ſoon appear[b]
In pomp upon his azure throne;
And cauſe all nations to be there[c];
None can ſtay from his bar, not one!

5 What horror[d] then will overtake
And pierce the guilty ſinner's breaſt;
Whoſe lot muſt in that burning lake[e]
Be where the damn'd can find no reſt[f]!

6 But ſhout[g], ye righteous ſons of God,—
Heirs and joint-heirs[h] with Chriſt above!
You need not fear the dreadful rod[i],
But ſing of your Redeemer's love.

7 In glorious hope of joys unknown,
With hallelujah's[j] ſing his praiſe;
And with the angels round his throne[k],
Now your glad hearts and voices raiſe.

8 Begin in never-ending ſongs,
And look beyond this veil of clay[l]:
To God alone all praiſe belongs;
But who his fulneſs can diſplay?

(u) John xvii. 17. (v) Matt. xxiv. 44.——Luke xi
(w) Eccl. xi. 3. (x) Eccl. ix. 10. (y) John viii
(z) Pſal. ix. 17. (a) 2 Tim. iv. 8. (b) Matt. xxv. 31,
2 Tim. iv. 1. (c) Rom. xiv. 10, 11, 12.—2 Cor. v. 10.—Rev. x
(d) Pſal xi. 6. (e) Rev. xx. 15.—xxi. 8. (f) Rev. xiv. 1
(g) Pſal. xlvii. 1.—Iſa. xii. 6.—xlii. 11.—xliv. 23.—Zeph. iii
—Zech. ix. 9. (h) Rom. viii. 17. (i) Pſal. ii. 9. (j) Rev
1, 3, 4, 6. (k) Rev. v. 11, &c. (l) Heb. x. 20.

9 What cherub voice, or ſeraph tongue
Can half deſcribe his worthy name?
Eternity! though broad and long,
Is all too ſhort to ſpread his fame!

CCXLVI.

On Death.

1 O Fatal hand of death![†] how ſoon . 8
Is wit, and ſtrength, and beauty gone? 8
Whom God requires they are cut down[m],— 8
(However dear) thou ſpareth none. . . 8

2 Youth, in an inſtant, like a flower
When ſcorched up with burning heat,
Doth fade and wither in an hour;
And aged men the ſame fate meet[n].

3 What need have we frail mortals[o] then
Our fitneſs for that ſtate to try:
Since none can tell how, where, or when,
Or in what manner they muſt die.

4 Come help us to examine, Lord,
With care into our preſent ſtate,
To watch, and pray[p], and ſearch thy word[q],
And for thy coming[r] duly wait.

5 May thy rich grace be freely giv'n,
And ſacred love fill ev'ry breaſt:
At laſt, O let us meet in heav'n,
To be with God[ſ] for ever bleſt.

(m) Job xiv. 2. (n) Pſal. xc. 10. (o) Pſal. xxxix. 4.
(p) Mark xiii. 33. (q) John v. 39. (r) Matt. xvi. 27.
(ſ) 1 Theſ. iv. 17.—Rev. xxii. 5.

† After burying my firſt-born, I was again bleſſed with two ſons and three daughters; but on the 12th day of the 8th month, 1791, the Lord was pleaſed to call away my youngeſt ſon, named LUKE PEEL, when in the third year of his age: He was a ſtout, comely boy, and remarkable witty. Theſe five verſes were the reſult of my ſerious reflections,—and they were ſung before his corpſe to the grave.

CCLXVII.

DEATH, *a welcome Meſſenger to the Righteous.*

1 THEE we adore, O God moſt High[t]!
And humbly praiſe thy name;
With all the hoſt[u] above the ſky
Thy goodneſs we proclaim.

2 For though we with our friends muſt part,
And all things here below,
Death can't disjoin[v] thoſe who in heart
Do their Redeemer know.

3 They meet him as a welcome friend[w],
Which joyful tidings bring;
For all their fears are at an end
When death hath loſt his ſting[x],

4 They with the Fathers fall aſleep[y]
Among their kindred duſt[z];
And at Chriſt's coming[a], they ſhall reap
The portion of the juſt.

5 When he deſcendeth[b] from above
In glorious majeſty,
Then all who bear his mark of love
Shall his attendants be[c].

6 They, in white robes[d], made all divine—
Shall unknown joy[e] explore;
And as the ſun in glory ſhine[f]
With God for evermore.

7 Then, Lord, preſerve us all our days,
Till this great change ſhall come
From ſin's deſtructive evil ways,
And then conduct us home.

(t) Pſal. lvii. 2. (u) Gen. ii. 1.—Luke ii. 13. (v) Rom. vi 35, - - - 39. (w) 2 Tim. iv. 6, - - - 8. (x) 1 Cor. xv. 55, - - 5
(y) 1 Kings ii. 10.—xi. 43. (z) Gen. iii. 19. (a) Matt. xvi. 2
(b) 1 Theſ. iv. 16. (c) Jude 14. (d) Rev. iii. 4.—vii. 9, 13.
(e) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (f) Matt. xiii. 43.

CCXLVIII.

Solemn thoughts on the neceſſity of preparing for DEATH *and a future State.*

1 THE mem'ry of the juſt is bleſt[g], 8
Both here and when they're gone to reſt; 8
But men who do and evil plot, 8
Their names ſhall be caſt out and rot. 8

2 It therefore well behoves mankind
To ſeek, till each God's favour find;
For lo, how mortals ev'ry day
From earth are ſwiftly ſnatch'd away.

3 And ſince none knows[h] who next ſhall have
To be ſhut up within the grave,
Let each one think, this day may be
Perhaps the laſt I here ſhall ſee.

4 Let each conſider how ſoon death[i]
Doth ſometimes ſtop an infant's breath;
And how his icy hand doth ſlay
The blooming youth when briſk and gay.

5 And let us view the hoary hairs,
Where age itſelf at once declares
A certain change will ſoon take place
With all the ſons of *Adam's* race.

6 Amidſt theſe thoughts, let each one think,
And aſk, "Am I on ruin's brink?
"Or, do I know[j] my ſins forgiv'n?
"And am I now prepar'd for heav'n?"

7 Thus let us each one try[k] to tell
Whither we ſteer for heav'n or hell;
For thoſe who die in ſin[l] will prove,
None can be happy without LOVE[m].

(g) Prov. x. 7. (h) Jam. iv. 14. (i) Job xiv. 1, 2.——
—Heb. ix. 27. (j) Luke i. 77.—1 Cor. iii. 16. (k) 2 Cor. xiii. 5.
(l) John viii. 21. (m) 1 John iii. 14, 15.—iv. 7, [illegible]

8 But where love‡ is, there life abounds;
And when the laſt great trumpet ſounds[n],
The dead in Chriſt ſhall all ariſe
To meet him coming in the ſkies!

CCXLXIX.

The Bleſſed State of thoſe who DIE IN THE LOR

1 FOR ever bleſſed are the dead[o],
Which dieth in the Lord;
For ſo, ſaith Chriſt, their living HEAD[p],
In his unerring word!

2 Their works do follow when they're gone,
To teſtify above;
Where they declare before God's throne
The wonders of his love!

3 And lo! while they are bleſſed, thus
Around his throne[q] in heav'n,
They cry all praiſe, "Not unto us[r],
"But to thy name be giv'n."

4 And worthy is the Lamb! they ſay,
Who for our ſins was ſlain;
For God hath wip'd their tears away[r],
And with himſelf they reign.

5 O glorious[s] ſtate!—O bleſſed end!—
Lord give us ſtrength to riſe,
That we like them may all aſcend,
And dwell above the ſkies.

(n) 1 Cor. xv. 52.—1 Theſ. iv. 16, 17. (o) Rev. xi
(p) Eph. i. 22. (q) Rev. v. 6, - - - 14. (r) Pſal. c
(ſ) Rev. vii. 17.—xxi. 4. (s) 2 Cor. iii. 11, 18.—iv.
Tit. ii. 13.—Rev. xxi. 10, - - - - 27.

‡ See the note on Divine Love, page 75, &c.

CCL.

Life is Short, Troubleſome, and Uncertain; but the Reward of the Righteous is Sure.

1 MAN of a woman born, his days are few[t]; 10
Yet while theſe laſt, his troubles they are
new: 10
He cometh forth, and like a tender flow'r . 10
Is ſoon cut down at ſome uncertain hour. . 10

2 From hence he fleeth as a ſhadow doth,—
For die we muſt, though we be e'er ſo loath:
God hath appointed that men once ſhall die[u],
And with this change all mortals muſt comply.

3 We ne'er continue long in one fix'd ſtate;—
Experience ſhews what changes for us wait:
But lo! the righteous from the wrath to come[v]
Are made ſecure when they are called home.

4 That God, whom they ſo lov'd and long'd for here,
Will then to their eternal joy[x] appear!
And O! who can the happy ſtate explain
Of thoſe who ſhall with him for ever reign?

CCLI.

On the Happy Change which the Righteous experience after Death.

1 THE righteous[y], when they die, . 6
And from this world remove, . . 6
Do all aſcend above the ſky 8
Immortal joy to prove. 6

(t) Job xiv. 1, 2. (u) Heb. ix. 27. (v) 1 Theſ. i. 10.
(x) Iſa. xxxv. 10.—li. 11. (y) Matt. xxv. 46.

2 Beyond the reach of death[z]
They there in triumph ſing,
With Chriſt, who once gave up his breath
To take away its ſting[a].

3 With wonder there they ſee
What dangers they have paſs'd!
For which they give all praiſe to thee,
JEHOVAH[b]! FIRST and LAST[c]!

4 And O who can conceive
The joy and ſweet delight,
Which in thoſe manſions they receive,
Of uncreated light!

5 No mortal eye hath ſeen[d],
Nor hath the ear yet heard
What things ſhall be on thoſe who reign[e]
With Jeſus Chriſt conferr'd!

6 But this we truly know,
That God will ſhortly come[f],
And take his children from below,
To their eternal home!

7 Wherefore, O Lord, we wait,
And for thy coming pray:
O make us fit for that bright ſtate,
And thither us convey.

CCLII.

All Bleſſings are the effects of the Love of God.

1 GLORY[g] be to thee, O Lord! . . 7
Be thou ev'ry where ador'd; . . 7
All the bleſſings[h] we can prove . . . 7
Are the bleſſings of thy love. . . . 7

(z) Rev. xxi. 4. —Pſal. lxxxiii. 18. (e) Rev. xx. 6. (h) Eph. i. 3. (a) 1 Cor. xv. 56, 57. (c) Iſa. xli. 4.—xliv. 6. (f) Rev. xxii. 20. (b) Exod. vi. 3. (d) 1 Cor. ii. 9. (g) Phil. iv. 20.

2 'Tis to this we owe our birth[i],
And our being upon earth:
'Twas the work of grace[j] alone,
Or thy ways we had not known.

3 'Tis thy ſov'reign pow'r[k] that ſtill
Helps us to perform thy will:
Hence our hearts and tongues we raiſe,
All devoted to thy praiſe.

4 But, Lord, we have nought to give,—
Save what we from thee receive[l]:
All the good[m] that we have known
Came from thee, and is thine own.

5 Wherefore, O thou God moſt high!
Let us ever feel thee nigh;
Give, and we will give to thee
Back thine own with uſury[n].

CCLIII.

The Love of God more precious than any other thing.

1 GOD of all grace[o], to thee we bow . 8
Obedient to thy word: . . . 6
Do thou appear and bleſs us now, . . 8
While we thy love record. . . . 6

2 Love above rubies[p] is our choice,
Or any other thing;
When ſad it makes the heart rejoice,
And doth true comfort bring.

(i) Acts xvii. 28. (j) Eph. ii. 4, — 8. (k) 1 Pet. i. 5. (l) John iii. 27. (m) Jam. i. 17. (n) Matt. xxv. 27. Luke xix. 23. (o) 1 Pet. v. 10. (p) Job xxviii. 18. Prov. viii. 11.

3 Love to thyſelf, and to mankind
More precious is than gold:
'Tis free to all‡, and unconfin'd
When other love grows cold.

4 Such love as knows no ſervile fear,
But conſtant joy and peace,
Is thy own children's portion here,
When troubles moſt increaſe.

5 From all contrary thereunto
Deliver us we pray,
That we may never evil do,
Or turn from thy good way.

6 This great ſalvation from on high
At all times let us prove;
And in the arms ſecurely lie,
Of EVERLASTING LOVE[q].

CCLIV.

Encouragement to Believers given by Metaphorical Repreſentations.

8 LO! what encouragement to all is giv'n, 10
Who love the Lord and travel towards
heav'n: 10
God builds them up as temples[r] to his praiſe, 10
And guards them ſafe from evil all their days. 10

2 Chriſt, as a maſter-builder, doth alone,
For our foundation[t] lay the corner-ſtone:
He alſo gives us ſtrength[s] to build thereon,
And ſhews us how this great work muſt be done.

(q) Jer. xxxi. 3. (r) 1 Cor. iii. 10, - - - 17.—2 Cor. vi. 16. ——Eph. ii. 20, 21, 22.——iv. 4, - - - - 16. (ſ) 2 Tim. ii. 19. (t) Phil. iv. 13.

‡ See the note, page 75, &c.

3 When fitly fram'd and built on him we are,
No workman can their work with his compare;
For as of old, the Lord of Hoſts doth teach
His ſaints to hear and miniſters to preach.

4 " O *Zerubabel*[t], (ſaith the Lord) be ſtrong,
" Thou and thy people whom thou art among:
" The mountain ſhall before thee be a plain,
" And thou ſhall build God's temple up again.

5 " Hear now, O *Joſhua*, the high prieſt, hear!
" Thou and thy fellows that with thee appear;
" For they are men much wonder'd at indeed,—
" Behold the BRANCH! your help in time of need.

6 " The ſtone is laid, from which the wall ſhall riſe,
" And on one ſtone there ſhall be ſeven eyes;
" Theſe eyes through all the earth run to and fro,
" And this great BUILDER ev'ry land ſhall know!

7 " By him the head-ſtone of this houſe ſhall be
" Brought on with ſhouting grace and victory!
" Grace, grace unto it ev'ry tongue ſhall cry,
" For all at laſt ſhall know[u] the Lord moſt high!"

CCLV.

Holy Exultation.

1 YE ſaints of God rejoice, ... 6
And ſpread abroad his fame; . . . 6
Let ev'ry heart and voice 6
With joy exalt his name; 6
Who for mankind 4
His Son did give[v], ... 4
That we might live, ... 4
And mercy find. 4

(t) *Hag.* ii. 4.—Zech. iii. 8, 9.—iv. 6, - - - 10. (u) Jer. xxxi. 34.—Heb. viii. 11.—Rev. v. 13. (v) John iii. 16.

2 All may of life[w] partake,
And find the way to heav'n;
Salvation[x] for his ſake
Is now to ſinners giv'n:
Hence ev'ry one
His face may ſee,
And be ſet free
Through faith[y] alone.

3 Surrounded by his love
As monuments of grace,
We ſing, and heav'nward move
To that celeſtial place:
For well we know
That God will come[z],
And take us home
From ev'ry foe.

CCLVI.

THUNDER *and* LIGHTENING *welcomed as ſacred Meſſengers from God.*

1 SEE! ſee how forked light'nings fly, . 8
As meſſengers[a] of the moſt High! . 8
Hark how his thunders, as they roll, . . 8
Do WELCOME him from pole to pole. . 8

2 The ſigns[b] fortel that day is near
When Chriſt in grandeur will appear[c];
Till then we of his goodneſs ſing,
And WELCOME our eternal King!

3 All hail! thou Judge of quick and dead[d]!
Thy ſaints are all ſecure from dread:
Hence freed from fear and ſad diſmay,
We WELCOME that important day.

(w) Rev. xxii. 17. (x) Acts iv. 12.——Heb. v. 9. (y) Eph. ii. 8. (z) Rev. xxii. 20. (a) Exod. ix. 23, 28, 29, 33, 34.—xix. 16.—Pſal. lxxvii. 18.—Iſa. xxix. 6. (b) Luke xxi. 25.—Acts ii. 17, &c. (c) Matt. xxv. 31. (d) Tim. iv. 1.

4 No death[e] can enter where thou art,
To injure our immortal part;
We therefore wait thy will to prove,
And WELCOME thy deſign of love.

CCLVII.

The happy effects of Grace, is, and ſhall for ever be, the Song of the Righteous.

1 HOSANNAHS to the God of love[f] . 8
Let all his children raiſe; . . 6
And celebrate with theſe above . . . 8
The great Creator's praiſe! . . . 6

2 Perpetual bleſſings we receive—
Faſt as the minutes roll:
No ſtranger can his love conceive
To each believing ſoul.

3 The ſacred joy and ſweet delight
Which we in Chriſt have found,
Doth make us gladly all invite
In ev'ry nation round.

4 To all the world our wiſhes flies,
And bids the worſt to come;
Come, fellow-ſinners, now ariſe,
The Lord will make you room[g]!

5 Yet very little[h] do we know
Of what there is prepar'd
For us, when we to heaven go
To meet our full reward.

(e) John viii. 51. (f) 2 Cor. xiii. 11. (g) Iſa. lv. 1. Luke xiv. 22. (h) 1 Cor. ii. 9.

6 The full extent of Jeſu's grace,
If this can ere be known,
Will be when we behold his face[l],
And ſit[j] around his throne.

7 But ſince already we partake
This grace in ſome degree,
O Lord, we'll henceforth jointly make
Moſt grateful ſongs to thee.

8 'Tis grace[k] that will to glory bring
All thoſe who uſe the ſame;
There evermore its ſons ſhall ſing,
And its effects proclaim!

CCLVIII.

Praiſe for the greatneſs of GOD's *Glory, Majeſty, and Love.*

1 HIGH[l] over all JEHOVAH reigns . 8
In everlaſting ſtate! 6
His pow'r[m] the univerſe ſuſtains, . . 8
Which did the ſame create. 6

2 The higheſt heav'ns can't contain
His glorious majeſty!
Hence who the glory can explain,
Which we ere long ſhall ſee?

3 Yet we who taſte can now declare
The riches of his grace[n]:
Lo! this is far beyond compare
To all the fallen race.

(i) 1 Cor. xiii. 12. (j) Rev. iii. 21. (k) Eph. ii. 5.
(l) Pſal. xcvii. 9.—xcix. 1, 2.—cxiii. 4, 5. (m) Heb. i. 3.
(n) Eph. i. 7.

4 Ye ſaints and angels, join in one
To celebrate his praiſe;
Let us in ſongs of what he's done
Our hearts and voices raiſe.

5 He ev'ry day in plenty gives
His bleſſings from above:
All things on his rich bounty lives[o],
And do his goodneſs prove.

6 Theſe bleſſings, though ſo great, are ſmall,
Compar'd with what he wrought
For all who ſuffer'd by the fall,
When he ſalvation brought.

7 Such matchleſs love[p] beyond degree,
What language can relate?
This ſhall our ſong for ever be
In an immortal ſtate!

CCLIX.

Praiſe flowing from a feeling ſenſe of the goodneſs of GOD.

1 EXTOL[q] the great JEHOVAH's name, . 8
Who reigns enthron'd on high! . 6
All creatures[r] ſpread abroad his fame . . 8
Throughout both earth and ſky. . . 6

2 From far, ye happy ſpirits haſte,
Aſſemble round his throne;
New pleaſures[s] we in Chriſt ſhall taſte,
Which yet we have not known.

(o) Pſal. civ. 14, 15. (p) Eph. iii. 19.——1 John iii. 1, 2. (q) Pſal. cxlv. 1.—Dan. iv. 37. (r) Pſal. cxlviii. 1,——14.—cl. 6.—Rev. v. 13. (ſ) Pſal. xvi. 11.—xxxvi. 8.

3 The Lamb, who all our ſorrows bore[s]!
Shall here his children meet,—
While we in our affections ſoar,
Towards his glorious ſeat[t].

4 Already Jeſus has begun
On his peculiar care[u],
To ſhine[w] far brighter than the ſun;
Hence we theſe bleſſings ſhare.

5 With all our pow'rs we'll gladly tell,
And joyfully relate§
What has been done for us who fell
From our firſt happy ſtate.

6 We'll ſing of that great love[x] which brought
Salvation from above:
Our praiſe ſhall be to him who ſought,
And did of us approve.

7 And of the glories of that place
Where our Redeemer reigns[y],
We'll ſing, but when we ſee his face,
We'll ſtill exalt our ſtrains!

(s) 1 Pet. ii. 24. (t) Col. iii. 1. (u) 1 Pet. v. 7. (w) Acts xxvi. 13.——2 Cor. iv. 6, 7. (x) Rom. v. 8.—— 1 John iv. 9, 10. (y) Rev. xxii. 1, - - - 5.

§ To relate all that has been done for the fallen race, will be a ſubject that muſt run parallel with eternity; but the righteous, whoſe hearts are ſet at liberty, will loſe no time in beginning this delightful employment. The Pſalmiſt, when filled with the love of God, cries out in one place, *Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my ſoul,* Pſal. lxvi. 16. and in many other places he ſpeaks very largely of the mighty deliverances that God had wrought for him; and of the unſpeakable benefits which he had received.—The reſt of the ſacred writers do all ſpeak in like manner; and ſo do thoſe who are true believers in every generation: *for they are all the children of God by faith in Chriſt Jeſus*; Gal. iii. 26. and can experimentally ſay, *that which we have ſeen and heard, declare we unto you, that ye alſo may have fellowſhip with us; and truly our fellowſhip is with the Father and with his Son Jeſus Chriſt,* 1 John i. 3. *We will publiſh* with the voice of thankſgiving, and *tell* of all his *wonderous works,* Pſal. xxvi. 7.

CCLX.

Praiſe to GOD for his Unchangeable Love.

ALL glory be to God moſt High[z]! 8
Whoſe glory fills[a] both earth and ſky! 8
Let all his works[b] with joy adore, 8
And ſound his praiſe from ſhore to ſhore; 8
For GOD IS LOVE[c]! and evermore 8
UNCHANGEABLE[d]! 4

2 Ye heirs of glory[e], all rejoice
In cheerful ſongs with heart and voice:
Chriſt hath redeem'd us[f], ſing therefore
Of him who did our peace reſtore[g];
For GOD IS LOVE! and evermore
UNCHANGEABLE!

3 His Spirit doth our hearts inſpire
With pure celeſtial living fire[h];
And ſtill his aid we do implore,
To love, and wonder, and adore;
For GOD IS LOVE! and evermore
UNCHANGEABLE!

4 Our living hopes[i] exulting fly,
And reach into eternity;
Where ſin, and death, and pain are o'er[j],
And nought can grieve, or vex us more;
For GOD IS LOVE! and evermore
UNCHANGEABLE!

(z) Pſal. lvii. 2. (a) Jer. xxiii. 24.—Eph. i. 17;——23.
(b) Pſal. cxlv. 4,——21.—cl. 6. (c) 1 John iv. 8, 16.
(d) Mal. iii. 6.—Heb. vii. 24.—Jam. i. 17. (e) Rom. viii. 17, 18.
(f) Luke i. 68.——Gal. iii. 13.——1 Pet. 18, 19.——Rev. v. 9.
(g) Iſa. ix. 6.—lviii. 12. (h) Acts ii. 3, 4. (i) Rom. xiii. 25.—1 Pet. i. 3. (j) Rev. xxi. 4.—xxii. 3.

5 With ſweet delight we wond'ring ſtand,
And view from far[k] the promis'd land‖!
'Tis rich, and good, and full of ſtore,—
There we ſhall live[l] when time's no more[m];
For GOD IS LOVE! and evermore
UNCHANGEABLE!

CCLXI.

The Faithful expreſſing their Joy, and declaring the ſuperiority of JESUS CHRIST *over* Melchiſedec *and* Moſes.

1 ETERNAL God[n] of truth[o] and love[p]! . 8
We view by faith the things above,— . 8
Immortal and divine: 6
Lo! none can tell the joy we've found . 8
Beneath the Goſpel's joyful ſound, . . 8
Since we by grace were thine. . . . 6

(k) Iſa. xxxiii. 17. (l) Matt. xxv. 46. (m) Rev. x. 6.
(n) Deut. xxxiii. 27. (o) Deut. xxxii. 4. (p) 2 Cor. xiii. 11.

‖ The land of *Canaan* is deſcribed, Exod. iii. 8. to be a land that floweth with milk and honey; and it was promiſed to *Abraham and his ſeed*, Gen. xiii. 15. many years before any of them were put in poſſeſſion of it. This fertile place was in ſome meaſure figurative of a *better country, that is an heavenly*, Heb. xi. 16. which the ſame God has promiſed in like manner to all the faithful. It is on the riches of this happy country, that they have already ſet their affections, for they know them to be infinitely greater than all the riches of an earthly *Canaan*: Hence they earneſtly look forward with joyful expectation to that glorious day, when *this mortal ſhall put on immortality*, 1 Cor. xv. 54. and when it ſhall be ſaid to them, *Come, ye bleſſed children of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*, Matt. xxv. 34. When this comes to paſs they will then know aſſuredly, that God loves his creatures with an *everlaſting love*, Jer. xxxi. 3. and that the *purpoſes* of his love are all unchangeable, *who will have* ALL MEN *to be ſaved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth*, 1 Tim. ii. 4.—2 Tim. i. 9.

2 Thou know'ſt on Jeſus Chriſt alone,
Who is the CHIEF and CORNER-STONE[q],
We build our hopes of bliſs:
Other foundation[r] none can lay,—
He is the true and living WAY[t]
To endleſs happineſs.

3 He is our GREAT HIGH PRIEST[s] and KING[t]!
His all-atoning blood doth bring
More than we can conceive:
He to *Melchiſedec* we find
Is far ſuperior[u]; hence mankind
Do life through him receive.

4 He is that PROPHET[v] which ſhould come
Somewhat like *Moſes*, in whoſe room
He is our LEADER[w] now:
To follow him is our delight,
For he doth all our battles fight,
And make our foes to bow.

5 In him our CAPTAIN[x] we rejoice,
And gladly ſing with heart and voice
The honours of his name:
Let all who have ſalvation found
From pole to pole his praiſe reſound,
And ſpread abroad his fame.

CCLXII.

The Choice, Confidence, Courage, Prayer, and ultimate end of real Chriſtians.

1 NONE, Jeſus, but thee 5
Will we have for to be 6

M 6

(q) Pſal. cxviii. 22.——Eph. ii. 20. (r) 1 Cor. iii. 11.
(t) John xiv. 6. (s) Heb. iv. 14. (t) Luke xix. 38.
(u) Heb. vii. 14, ---- 25. (v) Deut. xviii. 15.—Acts iii. 22, 23.—vii. 37, 38. (w) Iſa. lv. 4. (x) Heb. ii. 10.

Our PROPHET[y], our PRIEST[z], and our KING[a]! 8
We taſte of thy grace, ... 5
And thy laws we embrace; 6
O help us thy praiſes to ſing. . . . 8

2 Thy love hath no bounds,—
It was ſeen in thy wounds[b]
When thou for the guilty did die!
It ſtill doth appear,
For thy Spirit[c] is here,
With bleſſings, our wants to ſupply.

3 Throughout the dark hour,
We are kept by thy pow'r[d],—
However our grace may be try'd:
We do not delay,
But purſue the *good way*[e]
Led on by an unerring GUIDE[f]!

4 With *Canaan** in view,
We the nations ſubdue[g],
Like *Caleb* and brave *Joſhua*[h]!
The Lord is our might,
And our battles doth fight,—
With hailſtones[i] our enemies ſlay!

5 The GOOD LAND[j] is near,
There we ſoon ſhall appear;
Lord make us all faithful till then:
In CANAAN above
We ſhall feaſt[k] on thy love,—
All heav'n and earth ſay—*Amen!*

(y) John i. 14. (z) Heb. ix. 11. (a) John xii. 15.
(b) Iſa. liii. 5. (c) 1 Cor. iii. 16. (d) 1 Pet. i. 5. (e) Jer. vi. 16. (f) John xvi. 13. (g) Heb. xi. 33. (h) Joſh. xi. 23. ——xiv. 13, 14. (i) Joſh. x. 11. (j) Rev. xxi. 1.
(k) Rev. xix. 9.—xxii. 14.

† See the note, page 250.

CCLXIII.

Doxology.

1 UNTO God, who all things made[l],
Glory be, and homage paid!
Endleſs thanks and praiſe be giv'n,
By his church, through earth and heav'n:
Praiſe Jah[m]! and Jehovah's[n] name!
I am that I am[o]! the ſame.
King of kings[p]! of lords the Lord[q]!
God of gods[r]! the living Word[ſ]!

2 Praiſe the woman's promis'd feed[s]!
Sent to bruiſe the ſerpent's head:
The Meſſiah[t]! long foretold,
By the holy men of old,—
Chriſt[u], the Father's only Son[v]!
God and man[w] conjoin'd in one!
Human nature[x] and divine[y]
Now united brightly ſhine!

3 Praiſe the Spirit†, who did pleaſe,
Once to move[z] upon the ſeas;
And whoſe orient beams of light[a]
Swallow up the ſhades of night:
Mild pacific heav'nly Dove[b],
Who deſcended from above:
Sanctifying[c] pow'r divine,
Seal[d], which makes the truth to ſhine.

(l) John i. 3. (m) Pſal. lxviii. 4. (n) Exod. vi. 3.—— Pſal. lxxxiii. 18. (o) Exod. iii. 14. (p) 1 Tim. vi. 15. (q) Rev. xvii. 14.—xix. 16. (r) Deut. x. 17. (ſ) John i. 1. (s) Gen. iii. 15. (t) John i. 41. (u) Luke ii. 11. (v) John i. 14, - - - - 18. (w) Iſa. xxxii. 2.——liii. 3.——2 Cor. v. 19. (x) Heb. ii. 16. (y) Col. ii. 8, 9. (z) Gen. i. 2. (a) John i. 4, - - - - 9.——1 John i. 5, - - - 7. (b) Matt. iii. 16. (c) 2 Theſ. ii. 13. (d) Eph. i. 13.

† See the note, page 96 and 97.

4 God, the Father[e], with his Son[f],
And his Spirit[g] we do own:
All gods elſe beſide deny,
But the triune Deity;
Who in ſubſtance is but one
True[h] and ſaving[i] God alone!
Alpha and Omega[j] thou,
Firſt and laſt, to whom we bow!

CCLXIV.

Praiſe and Prayer AT PARTING.

1 GREAT JEHOVAH! heav'nly Father[k]! 8
For the ſake of Jeſus hear, . . . 7
And diſmiſs us with thy favour; . . . 8
Let thy Spirit witneſs bear 7
Of our ſonſhip[l] 4
Till in glory we appear[m]. 7

2 Holy, like the hoſts of heaven,
Make and keep us all till then:
So ſhall conſtant praiſe be given
By the ranſom'd[n] ſons of men:
Alleluia[o],
Glory be to God—Amen!

(e) 1 Cor. viii. 6. (f) Gal. iv. 4.—1 John i. 3. (g) 1 Cor. xii. 10. (h) Jer. x. 10.——1 John v. 20. (i) Pſal. xx. 6. (j) Rev. i. 8, 11.—xxi. 6.—xxii. 13. (k) Matt. xviii. 35. (l) Rom. viii. 14, - - - 17. (m) Col. iii. 4. (n) Iſa. xxxv. 10. (o) Rev. xix. 1, 3, 4, 6.

THE CONCLUSION.

IT is evident that the duties of Religion are all calculated to promote the happineſs of mankind, ſince none are truly happy but thoſe who are found in the conſtant exerciſe of them. For this reaſon, I cannot conclude without making a few remarks concerning the real happineſs which the righteous experience, who have, among other duties, devoted ſome part of their time to ſing praiſes to God.

By reading the Scriptures, we may clearly ſee that this noble exerciſe has always been much practiſed among the righteous; for one of the queſtions which the Almighty put to *Job* is, *Where waſt thou when the morning ſtars ſang together, and all the ſons of God ſhouted for joy?* Job xxxviii. 4, 7. From which we may infer, that theſe have frequently burſt forth in joyful ſongs of praiſe to their Maker ever ſince the creation.

But as it would take too much time here to mention all the examples that are before us, of theſe which have engaged in this delightful employment, I will only ſelect a few to ſhew that the faithful in all ages have compoſed Hymns and Spiritual Songs, and uſed them in ſuch a manner as was truly acceptable to God; and that we are well furniſhed both with precepts and examples to recommend this kind of worſhip to all ſucceeding generations.

The firſt that I ſhall mention is that remarkable ſong, which was ſung by Moſes and the children of Iſrael, after the Lord had ſaved them out of the hands of the Egyptians. *I will ſing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed glorioufly*, &c. Exod. xv. 1,---21.

The ſecond is that which they ſung when they were refreſhed with water at a place called *Beer*, in the wilderneſs: *Then ſang Iſrael this ſong, Spring up, O well; ſing ye unto it*, &c. Num. xxi. 16, 17, 18.

The third is ſtill more remarkable: for the Lord (who ſaw a rebellious ſpirit riſing up among them) did expreſsly COMMAND *Moſes*, ſaying, *Now, therefore, write ye this* SONG *for you, and* TEACH *it to the children of Iſrael:* PUT IT IN THEIR MOUTHS, *that* THIS SONG *may be a witneſs for me againſt the children of Iſrael*, &c.—*Moſes, therefore, wrote this* SONG *the ſame day, and* TAUGHT IT *the children of Iſrael*—Deut. xxxi. 19, --- 22, 30.

The fourth is that excellent hymn which was ſung when God ſubdued *Jabin*, the King of *Canaan*, before them: *Then ſang Deborah, and Barak, the ſon of Abinoam, on that day, ſaying, Praiſe ye the Lord*, &c. Judg. v. 1, ---- 31.

The fifth is that compoſed by the mother of the prophet *Samuel*, after ſhe had been devoting him to the ſervice of the Lord: *And Hannah prayed, and ſaid, My heart rejoiceth in the Lord; mine horn is exalted*, &c. 1 Sam. ii. 1, ---10.

The ſixth is a mournful ſong of lamentation, compoſed by *David* on the death of *Saul*, and *Jonathan his ſon: The beauty of Iſrael is ſlain upon the high places; how are the mighty fallen!* &c. 2 Sam. i. 19, --- 27.

The ſeventh is another ſong of *David's*, which includes a whole chapter of 51 verſes; wherein he ſets forth the greatneſs and majeſty of God, rehearſes the deliverances wrought for him, and beautifully clothes the whole with praiſe and thankſgiving, 2 Sam. xxii.

The eight is the book of Pſalms, which contains a wonderful variety of ſubjects, ſuited to almoſt every ſtate. This book is in reality no other than a choice collection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs, compoſed by different authors.

The ninth is the ſong of *Solomon*, which is ſaid to be the moſt excellent of all ſongs, being an allegory, wherein is repreſented the mutual love which ſub-

ſits betwixt Chriſt and his Church: *The ſongs of this Author were* A THOUSAND AND FIVE, 1 Kings iv. 32.

The tenth is a ſong delivered by the prophet *Iſaiah*, concerning a vineyard, which alludes to God's kind dealings with an obſtinate and rebellious people: *Now will I ſing to my well-beloved, a ſong to my beloved touching his vineyard*, &c. Iſa. v. 1, --- 7.

The eleventh is another delivered by the ſame Prophet, inciting to confidence in God: *In that day ſhall this ſong be ſung in the land of Judah; we have a ſtrong city: ſalvation will God appoint for bulwarks*, &c. Iſa. xxvi. 1, --- 4.

The twelfth is a ſong of *Hezekiah*, King of Judah, when he had been ſick and was recovered of his ſickneſs: *I ſaid, in the cutting of my days, I ſhall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the reſidue of my years*, &c. Iſa. xxxviii. 10, --- 20.

The thirteenth is by the mother of our Lord: *And Mary ſaid, My ſoul doth magnify the Lord*, &c.— Luke i. 46, --- 55.

The fourteenth is that elevated ſong of juſt *Simeon*, when he had taken up Jeſus in his arms,—he bleſſed God and ſaid, *Lord, now letteſt thou thy ſervant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have ſeen thy ſalvation*, Luke ii. 29, --- 32.

Theſe three laſt rather differ ſomewhat from the reſt, being delivered in a peculiar ſtrain of thankſgiving; yet they are of the ſame nature, and all contribute to the ſame glorious end, which is to ſet forth the praiſes of God. But when all theſe paſſages which I have here referred unto are conſidered at large, we cannot but ſee that the ſaints of old have delighted in compoſing Hymns and Spiritual Songs; and that ſome of them were alſo very great Authors.

With reſpect to Vocal Muſic, it was uſed publicly in the Church before the Temple was built at Jeruſalem. To prove this we have only need to take notice that the office, which ſome of the ſons of *Levi* was appointed unto in the houſe of the Lord, was to be SINGERS. *And theſe are they whom David ſet over the ſervice of ſong in the houſe of the Lord, after that*

the ark had reſt: and they miniſtered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation, with SINGING, *until Solomon had built the houſe of the Lord in Jeruſalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order. Of the ſons of the Kohathites; Heman a* SINGER, &c. 1 Chron. vi. 31, --- 47.

Other ſingers, which are far more modern than theſe, are mentioned under the Goſpel diſpenſation; for Jeſus Chriſt and his diſciples were ſingers. See Matt. xxvi. 30. and Mar. xiv. 26.—In both theſe places it is ſaid, *And when* THEY *had* SUNG AN HYMN, *they went out into the mount of Olives.* Here we have the example of the Son of God, who is both High Prieſt and Head of the Church, whoſe order is not liable to change like that of *Levi*; for Chriſt hath an *unchangeable Prieſthood*, Heb. vii. 24. This infallible Teacher joined in chorus, and ſang an Hymn with his diſciples, which is a certain proof that vocal muſic belongs to the Church, and is acceptable to him whoſe infinite wiſdom has formed his creatures with muſical voices; and whoſe boundleſs love continues to beſtow grace on all thoſe who ſeek it. This tunes their hearts and fully prepares them for ſuch noble employment. An eminent proof of this was diſplayed in *Paul* and *Silas*, who was made joyful in the midſt of ſuffering, inſomuch that although *they were in priſon with their feet made faſt in the ſtocks, at midnight they prayed and* SANG PRAISES *to God*—Not with their hearts only; it is evident they made uſe of their voices alſo, for *the priſoners* HEARD *them*, Acts xvi. 24, 25.

Another proof in favour of vocal muſic may be had by inquiring into the experience of thoſe true believers, who at this day worſhip God in the ſame manner. Note, theſe are ſtill led by the very ſame ſpirit which directed our Lord and his Diſciples to ſing; and their teſtimony is equally as true as that of *Paul* and *Silas*, or any of the Apoſtles that ſang with our Lord; for they have received the Spirit of Truth which guideth them into all truth. Hence God is not without thouſands of living witneſſes, *who know*, by heart-felt experience, that ſinging is

a Goſpel Privilege. Having received grace, they ſing with the ſpirit and with the underſtanding alſo; making melody in their hearts to the Lord: And they are as diligent in exciting others to ſing with them, as the believers were of old, whoſe cry was, *Sing aloud unto God our ſtrength: make a joyful noiſe*, &c. Pſal. lxxxi. 1. *Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into ſinging, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy on his afflicted*, Iſa. xlix. 13. *Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and will dwell in the midſt of thee, ſaith the Lord*, Zech. ii. 10. To this end, when they meet, they frequently lift up their voices together as the voice of one man; and as an infallible proof that God is well pleaſed, ſometimes every ſoul that is preſent is melted with a flame of Divine Love; even the wicked are ſo melted down at the preſence of the Lord, that they remain before him like wax before the fire, until they are ſealed with the earneſt of his Spirit. Thus the Lord is exalted in his own ſtrength among his people, who, in this manner, ſing aloud with gladneſs together.

From all theſe undeniable teſtimonies the faithful are ſufficiently juſtified in continuing the uſe of Vocal Muſic; yet many humble followers of the Lord are ſo much afraid of following the bad example of formal lifeleſs profeſſors‡, who abuſe this privilege, that they have got ſo far into the oppoſite extreme, as entirely to diſuſe it both in private and in public. But if this is admitted to be right, we may, by the ſame rule, wholly ſet aſide all vocal praying and preaching, and ſay we ought only to pray mentally, and to preach by our actions, &c. for there is ſtill many Phariſees in the world, who, for a ſhew, make long prayers,—which is an abomination to the Lord. And there is alſo many falſe prophets gone out into the world, which only preach for hire, and divine for money; whoſe lives are ſuch as to make the way of truth every where to be evil ſpoken off.

‡ See the note, page 158.

Yet we are commanded *to pray without ceasing*, 1 Theſ. v. 17. and the true prophets are bid to *preach the Goſpel to every creature*, Mar. xvi. 15. In like manner then let all the faithful of every denomination ſing; for *the redeemed of the Lord ſhall return, and come with* SINGING *unto Zion, and everlaſting joy ſhall be upon their head: they ſhall obtain gladneſs and joy, and ſorrow and mourning ſhall flee away*, Iſa. li. 11.

But ſome reject Hymns and Spiritual Songs as being too formal; hence they will not ſing them, becauſe they are words that has been compoſed by others. So far as this relates to the abuſe of ſinging, it is certainly right not to uſe them: But there is no neceſſity that the children of God ſhould uſe words that does not ſuit them; neither that they ſhould abuſe ſinging more than praying or any other goſpel privilege. And with reſpect to the formality of Hymns, &c. we may obſerve, that what our Lord ſang with his diſciples was a ſet form of words, otherwiſe it could not have been properly called AN HYMN; and there is no kind of public devotion uſed whatever without ſome ſort of a form. For even in heaven *they ſing the ſong of Moſes, the ſervant of God, and the ſong of the Lamb, ſaying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; juſt and true are thy ways, thou King of ſaints*, &c. Rev. xv. 3, 4.

After thus taking a retroſpective view of a few of thoſe examples given us by the Church, concerning vocal muſic, down as far as the preſent time, we may clearly ſee that it is an appointment of JEHOVAH himſelf; and that it never was abolithed;—but, on the contrary, will remain as unchangeable as the Prieſthood of Chriſt. For, according to the viſion of *St. John*, that glorious period will come when all intelligences ſhall be brought to delight in God, and thoſe who are moſt averſe to ſinging now, will then become ſingers. All backwardneſs, all needleſs fears, all coldneſs and deadneſs will then be done away for ever. Every ſpecies of the fall will gladly acknowledge the LION *of the tribe of Judah*, and heartily join in one grand chorus. From what follows we may learn *that there will* not be ſo much as one diſſenting

voice, or a ſilent perſon among them. *And they ſung a new ſong, ſaying*§,

Thou art worthy to take the book,
And to open the ſeals thereof:
For thou waſt ſlain,
And haſt redeemed us to God by thy blood,
Out of every kindred,
And tongue, and people, and nation;
And haſt made us unto our God kings and prieſts,
And we ſhall reign on the earth.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beaſts, and the elders: and the number of them was ten thouſand times ten thouſand, and thouſands of thouſands; ſaying, with a loud voice,

Worthy is the Lamb that was ſlain
To receive power, and riches,
And wiſdom,
And ſtrength, and honour, and glory,
And bleſſing.

And EVERY *creature that is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and ſuch as are in the ſea, and* ALL *that are in them, heard, I ſaying,*

Bleſſing, and honour,
And glory, and power,
Be unto him that ſitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb,
For ever and ever!

And the four beaſts ſaid, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worſhipped him that liveth for ever and ever; Rev. v. 9;---- 14.

§ See the tunes that were purpoſely compoſed, ſuitable for this work, by JOHN JACKSON.

This fully proves (as I have before obſerved) that every one will at laſt become SINGERS; and alſo that Chriſt hath built his Church upon a ROCK, which the gates of hell cannot prevail againſt; therefore *let the inhabitants of the Rock* SING, Iſa. xlii. 11.

THE END.

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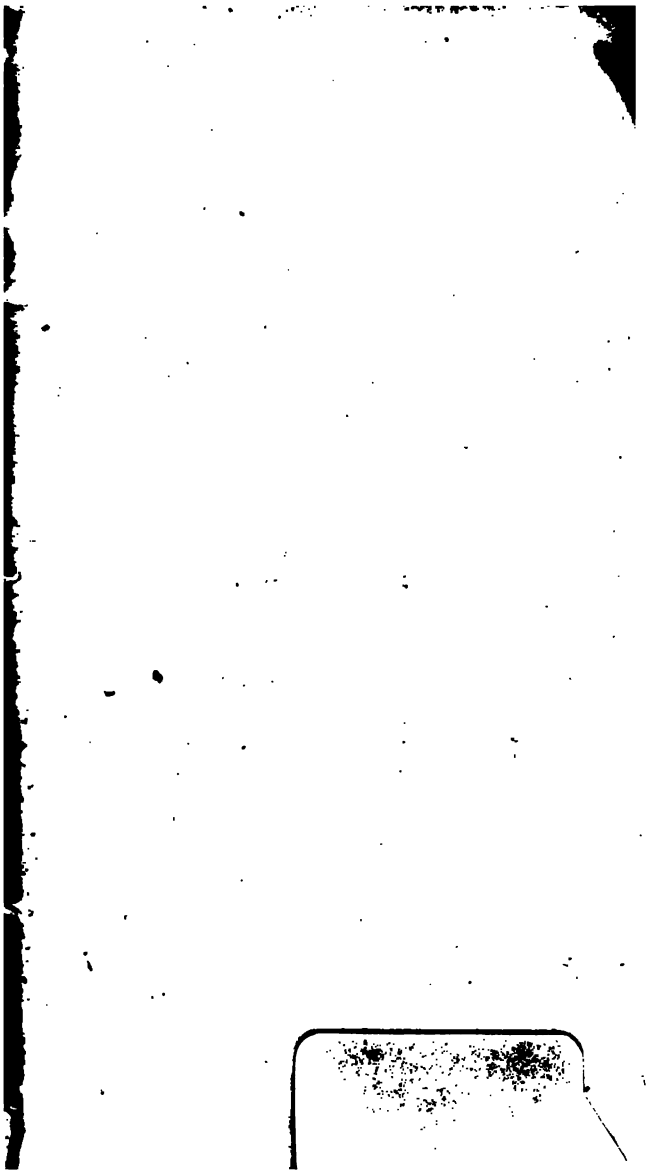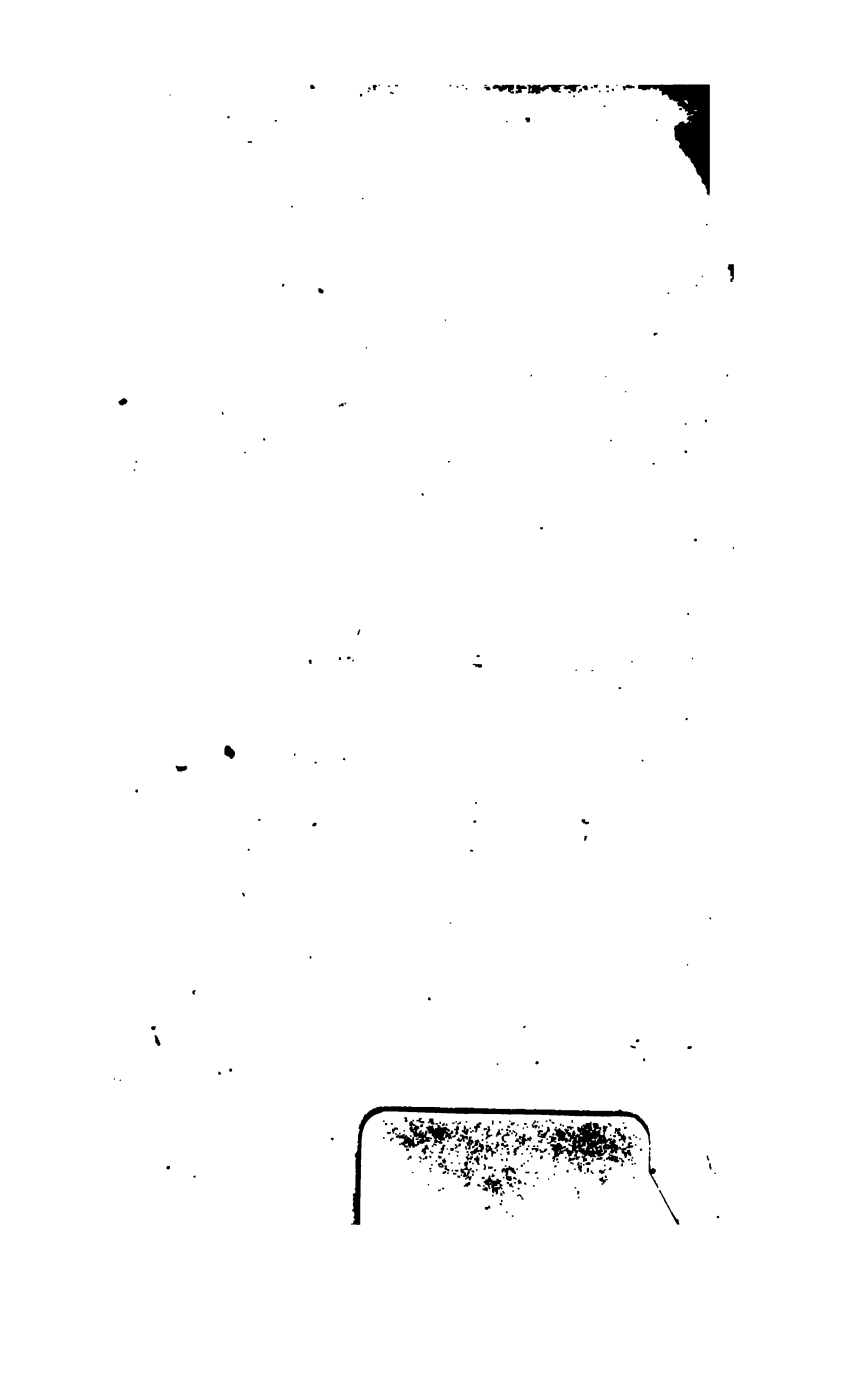
Page 38, hymn XLIII. verſe 3, read, Satan rages *to* devour.
—— 59, laſt line but three, read, doth make *thee* mad.
—— 66, in the fixth line of the references, for *CXXXIII.* read, *CXXX.*
—— 74, hymn LXXXIII. ver. 4, this mark † ſhould be after *bride.*
—— 74, in the laſt line but one, read, *from* the myſtical.
—— 112, laſt line but two, read, and *be* tormented.
—— 115, hymn CXVIII. verſe 4, read, to heav'n *to* ſeek.
—— 116, —— CXIX. verſe 3, read, weary *burthen'd* mind.
—— 138, verſe 5, for *heart*, read *hart.*
—— 150, —— CLVI. verſe 4, read, *endured.*
—— 166, —— CLXIX. verſe 4, tranſpoſe the parentheſis thus, *Chriſt, (the ſeed and root of David,)*
—— 184, hymn CXC. verſe 3, read, not all *that* malice.
—— 192, verſe 3, read, quite *undiſmayed.*
—— 211, verſe 6, this mark ‡ ſhould be after *bread*